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POLICE REFORMS POLICY 'FOOLISH'

**Watchdog chief savages
'disastrous' US-style plan**

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A MASSIVE overhaul of the UK policing system is "foolish" and "moving with indecent haste", claims the furious chairwoman of the doomed Kent Police Authority.

This week Home Secretary Theresa May unveiled proposals for a shake-up of the current policing system, including the introduction of locally-elected commissioners and an FBI-style national crime-fighting agency.

But KPA chairwoman Ann Barnes, who faces the axe as a result of the reforms, says the plans are being developed at the wrong time and with little or no public consultation.

She said: "While there are areas for improvement in the current policing arrangements, I am extremely sceptical that USA-style elected commissioners and an FBI-esque National Crime Agency are the answer to our problems.

"Not everything from across the Atlantic can be imported and transplanted here and now is not the time to experiment with untried, untested and uncostered structures superim-

posed on UK policing. I'm also absolutely convinced the Government is moving with indecent haste on these initiatives.

"I understand its desire to get on with introducing radical change, but it has a higher duty and responsibility to govern wisely and well.

"Occasionally that may take a little longer, but it will reap benefits in the long run. Who wants to be associated with a disastrous policy that's hastily conceived and implemented poorly?"

Mrs Barnes, who is also vice-chair of the Association of Police Authorities, has opposed the introduction of locally elected commissioners since it was first proposed back in May.

If the reforms are passed in Parliament, such individuals will take over the responsibilities currently assigned to police authorities, including the setting of budgets and the hiring and firing of chief constables.

However, Mrs Barnes said she was at a loss



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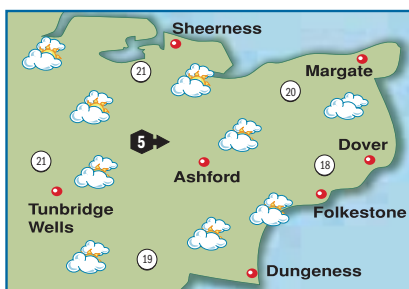
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Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	16	61	London	cloudy	22	72
Belfast	cloudy	17	63	Liverpool	cloudy	18	64
Birmingham	cloudy	20	68	Manchester	cloudy	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	21	70	Newcastle	cloudy	18	64
Bristol	cloudy	19	66	Norwich	fair	21	70
Cardiff	fair	19	66	Oxford	cloudy	20	68
Cork	cloudy	18	64	Southsea	fair	21	70
Edinburgh	cloudy	18	64	S'hampton	fair	20	68
Glasgow	cloudy	17	63	Southport	fair	17	63
Isle of Man	cloudy	17	63	Swansea	fair	18	64
Leeds	cloudy	18	64	Torquay	cloudy	19	66

Sun & moon

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Moonrise	10.23pm	Moonset	12.22pm	8.44pm to 5.19am

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St Mary's	08.58 4.8 21.18 4.9	09.33 4.7 21.57 4.7

Week ahead

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wednesday Dry and bright. max 23C min 14C	saturday Fine again. max 24C min 12C

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HIGH AND DRY: Kent fishermen say they are facing ruin because of quota allocations

Caught on the EU quota hook

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FINANCIAL ruin faces commercial fishermen who say their annual quota of skate and Dover sole has already run out.

The European Union imposes strict limits on how much fish can be caught by member states every year, but small businesses are accusing the UK Government of not distributing its allocation fairly.

Whitstable fisherman Phil Edwards told KOS Media that although 95 per cent of the country's fleet was made up of under 10-metre boats, they only have access to about four per cent of the quota.

"The rest goes to large producer organisations," he said. "So the big boys get the bulk of the quota while we're all left out in the cold. Most small boats in Kent rely on Dover sole and skate, but our allocation of skate ran out in June and Dover sole ran out about two weeks ago."

Tied up

"The bulk of Kent's fleet is now tied up with nothing to catch, so it's a pretty dire situation all round. If this goes on much longer people will be going out of business."

In previous years central government has successfully topped up the UK's allocation of skate and Dover sole through quota swaps with other EU members that do not rely so heavily on those species. However, no such swaps have taken place this year.

Mr Edwards said although small boats

could still go out fishing for bass, it was hit and miss whether they would land enough to make the trips worthwhile.

"What we would like to see is the scrapping of quotas for boats our size," he added.

"The effort limitation system would suit us better because it would allow us to go out for a certain number of hours a week and keep everything we catch. If I did go out bass fishing then I would also catch skate for sure, but at the moment I have to throw it back or I'll be fined."

"With effort limitation there's no waste but everyone earns a little bit more money because they can keep everything they catch and don't have to throw anything back dead."

This week, Mr Edwards and fellow Whitstable fisherman John Nicholls met with fisheries minister Richard Benyon to discuss their concerns. Mr Edwards said after the meeting – which was organised by Canterbury MP Julian Brazier – he was "reasonably optimistic" of securing a new allocation for Dover sole, albeit not enough to make a living.

He added: "In the medium to long term he wants to completely change the way inshore fisheries are managed, but realistically that's not going to happen for at least another two years."

Last week Kent's oyster industry took a hit when a shellfish farm in Whitstable tested positive for the deadly herpes virus.

Containment areas restricting movement of the delicacy have now been declared in the Swale, Thames and north Kent coast.

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'US-style police reforms would be disastrous'

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to explain why the system needed changing in the first place. In her five years as chairwoman, she said, Kent has seen a 30 per cent reduction in crime, an increase in neighbourhood policing and the setting of one of the lowest council tax charges in the country.

Mrs Barnes added: "I'm the serving chair of a police authority, and yes I'm facing abolition in the light of these proposals, but this is not the reason why I am speaking out – it's because I care passionately about policing in Kent."

"I admit police authorities haven't always got it absolutely right and there is still a real challenge for us in terms of raising public awareness and visibility, but those problems are solvable given the political will."

"I think the Government's rush to reorganise policing and its ill-thought through structural reform is foolish, especially at a time when the police service is wrestling with the biggest financial crisis in living memory."

"The Government's proposed course of action, quite simply, doesn't serve the best interests of local communities."

According to the Home Secretary, the policing system in England and Wales was in need of reform because it had become "too bureaucratic" and "too much accountable to Whitehall".

Other proposals include the phasing out of the National Policing Improvement Agency, a drive to encourage more volunteers to become special constables, and the introduction of "community crime-fighters" – members of the public who would go out on patrol with the police.

Ridiculous

Kent Police Federation chairman Ian Poynton described the latter suggestion as "ridiculous" and said it could put police officers in more danger.

He said: "I'm a big supporter of volunteers being recruited as specials because they're specially-trained, have all the right equipment and are accountable for their actions."

"They're good people who work for their local community for very little reward. But I'm a little concerned about ordinary members of the public going out on patrol with local officers, which is potentially dangerous if there is a situation where an officer has to protect somebody else as well as himself."

"On balance, it's an absolute non-starter."

Mr Poynton said he was in favour of the removal of centralised targets but hoped it was not an empty promise.

He added: "We need to study the details very carefully. There's a debate that needs to be had, but the issue of volunteers going on patrol detracts from that because it's really a bit of a ridiculous suggestion."

• To read Ann Barnes' comments on the police reform in full, turn to page 29.



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Taxpayers foot the bill for KCC team-building 'jollies'

EXCLUSIVE

By **MARIJKE COX**

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COUNCIL officials have spent thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money on staff away days to teach them the secrets behind becoming a successful team.

Activities ranging from a day at Brands Hatch to outdoor pursuits at Paddock Wood have been laid on, with a total of £30,086 being spent in two-and-a-half years.

The figures cover events organised by the corporate personnel team for County Hall staff. Kent County Council admitted it was not a complete list of events, and said it would take too long and be too expensive to provide a comprehensive breakdown for the Freedom of Information request submitted by KOS Media.

This means the true cost of days out could be substantially higher. Of the details available through FoI, it was revealed that in one case £4,613 was spent on a day at Brands Hatch for 25 County Hall workers to show them what made a successful team.

On another day, 54 staff were treated to a day of outdoor pursuits at Treejumpers in Paddock Wood at a cost of £6,404 to the taxpayer. The reason stated for the Treejumpers away day – which was repeated just nine days later for a smaller number of workers at a cost of £2,891 – was that it was a 'team event'. Training days also racked up high bills, with £6,189 being spent to equip 23 staff from the Information Services Group at KCC with a 'toolkit' of skills for high performance.



RACING CERT: Buckmore Park was among the away-day venues used by County Hall

The event, held at the four-star Eastwell Manor in Ashford, aimed to increase levels of self-awareness to allow the team to understand the motivation behind their own and others' behaviour.

And on another team development day, this time for Kent Extended Services, which works on activities for school children, families and communities, £1,080 was spent on learning to understand each other better.

Six members of staff were also treated to a day at Buckmore Park, a karting circuit in Chatham, at a cost of £1,149.

Reasons stated for the trip were to enable them to improve communication, forge positive links with each other, adopt a 'joined-up' approach and work together positively.

Matthew Elliott, chief executive of the Taxpayers' Alliance, said Kent residents would be outraged their council tax is funding tree-jumping under the guise of training. He said: "It is worrying that this is not even the full picture of how much departments are spending on these jollies, as there are cases that are not documented."

Details obtained from KCC outlined the number of delegates involved for each away day, with numbers as high as 184 for one event. Of the 27 set out, some 671 staff took

part. Although in many cases this would have been the same workers involved on different away days, Mr Elliott questioned the amount of working time lost.

"These spending totals do not reflect the cost of the lost time of those staff members attending days out," he said.

"Taxpayers will wonder why senior staff at KCC are being paid such huge sums if they aren't up to the job and need all this extra training. It is perfectly possible to hold team building events in-house at no extra cost to taxpayers, which is really important, especially in a time of fiscal crisis."

Of the details obtained from KCC, the most recent team days, in June and July, were held in-house for free.

Amanda Beer, director of personnel and development at County Hall, said the council was committed to delivering the highest standard of services to residents.

"We see successful team-working as equally important as individual skills and it is entirely appropriate that team-building events form part of our staff development," she said.

"All such events must have clearly stated purposes and outcomes and we encourage teams to organise volunteering days that help local communities at the same time."

Terror-free sport

KENT County Cricket Club head coach Paul Farbrace has lent his backing to a campaign aiming to kick terrorism out of sport.

The former Kent batsman, who was caught up in an attack on the Sri Lankan team in Pakistan last year, is one of several public faces of the Not In My Game initiative.

He said: "Having witnessed the attacks in Lahore and seen the shockwaves felt throughout the world, I am convinced of the need to gather international support in opposing acts of terror targeted at sport."

Click on www.notinmygame.com for more information about the campaign.

A WOULD-BE Labour MP has denied a drink-driving charge.

Kathryn Smith, who lost out on the Gravesend seat in May's general election, entered a not guilty plea at Dartford Magistrates' Court.

The 50-year-old, from Welling, was charged with drink-driving after a crash in University Way, Dartford, on April 26. The next hearing is on August 5.

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Julie Maddocks visits the 28th War and Peace show at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood

Rock'n'Rumspringa

THAT big TV break can come in many forms for an up-and-coming rock band: a festival, a music video or, at one time, Top of the Pops.

But Maidstone group The Soundcasters got on the box in a very different way – by taking part in a documentary about the Amish. Channel 4's Amish: The Squarest Teenagers, documents five Amish youngsters from the USA as they leave their closed communities and travel to Kent to live with the family of guitarist Simon Watson and hang out with the band.

Band spokeswoman Alison Gibson said: "The band got involved in the programme as they were playing at a festival in Milton Keynes, called Togfest. Keo Films approached festivals looking for a young band that fitted their requirements and found The Soundcasters."

The Amish are a religious group who dress in plain clothes, stay within their communities and generally live without modern comforts.

Filming took place during a week last year and Tom James, Matt Gibson, Simon Watson and Scott Russell showed their guests the hedonistic lifestyle of a young UK band.

The group, who formed in 2008, took the Amish teenagers

to see the sea for the first time at Joss Bay in Thanet and also went on a day out to Rochester Castle and Cathedral.

Bass player Scott said: "It was great to mix with people from a different culture. The opportunity to spend time with them was enlightening and it's all the better for being captured by Channel 4."

Despite the strict upbringing in Amish communities, teenagers are allowed to enjoy a rite of passage known as Rumspringa giving them the chance to experience life outside of their day-to-day world.

The teenagers are then expected to decide on whether to stay or leave the Amish community. The documentary shows what happened next.

Ms Gibson said: "The boys got to know the Amish quite well and feel sure their guests loved the experience. Some had moments of homesickness, but they joined in well with the day-to-day life of the band."

The Soundcasters are tipped for success after playing the Cavern Club in Liverpool earlier this year as well as the Lounge on the Farm in Canterbury in July.

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ABOVE: The Soundcasters with their Amish guests; and top, band publicity shot

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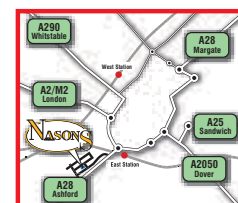


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£250k payout after medical blunders led to loss of leg

A BUTCHER has accepted £250,000 in damages from Medway NHS Foundation Trust after a series of medical blunders led to his leg being amputated.

Ian Watts, from Rochester, was admitted to Medway Maritime Hospital in July, 2004, suffering with an infection in his little toe.

He left the hospital with his left leg amputated just below the knee. Mr Watts, a diabetic, said the hospital's failure to properly control his diabetes, and shoddy nursing practices, resulted in the loss of the limb.

His right leg also developed an infection as a result of a badly applied pressure stocking and doctors considered amputating it as well.

The former part-time butcher has been left severely disabled and reliant on his wife – who has multiple sclerosis. Mr Watts launched legal action against the trust and was finally offered a sum of £250,000 shortly before the case was due to go to court.

He said: "I was devastated at losing my left leg and concerned about the impact this would have on my future. I was absolutely terrified of losing my right leg, too. It was a physically and psychologically exhausting time and I was extremely depressed and distraught at the treatment I had received. I just wanted to die. I couldn't face living without legs."

Mr Watts was admitted to hospital after months of worsening pain. His initially sore toe had developed into an ulcer which had not improved despite regular treatment by his GP and practice nurses. The hospital said the only treatment was to amputate the toe.

Bedridden

Amputation did not work as severe pain then developed in Mr Watt's left foot. Its condition deteriorated and so his leg below the knee was taken off.

On his way to theatre his blood sugar levels had been allowed to fall so low that he lost consciousness and had to be brought round.

While Mr Watts was bedridden after the operation he noted there appeared to be a "state of disarray" on the ward and that nurses would sometimes nearly give him the wrong medication.

A pressure stocking was also applied so tightly to his right leg that a blood blister developed. Nurses would periodically check the stump of the left leg, but no examination was made of the right.

After being discharged, an ulcer developed on his right foot and he was admitted to East Grinstead hospital and told that it would have to be amputated.

But a second opinion was sought and a nine-hour operation saved the foot.

Mr Watts said: "The amputation has had a huge impact on the quality of my life and that of my wife, Susan."

"She has to help me with general care, which is difficult because of her MS. I used to enjoy golf and birdwatching but am now unable to manage the walking."

To view, search 'Porchlight' @ yourkenttv.co.uk



Rachel van Hoven, from homelessness organisation Porchlight, explains the fund-raising initiative Picnic for Porchlight

Officers attack 24-hour drink culture failure

A REVIEW of 24-hour drinking has been welcomed by the voice of Kent's police officers who has branded the legislation "a mistake", *writes Steve Knight.*

Ian Pointon, chairman of the Kent Police Federation, said late-night boozing had created more problems than it had solved and had resulted in fewer officers being available to fight crime during the day.

His comments follow the announcement by Home Secretary Theresa May that the Government is to crack down on binge-drinking and give communities more power to oppose 24-hour pubs and clubs.

The proposals could also spell the end for anti-social behaviour orders (Asbos), with Mrs May saying a "change in emphasis" was necessary.

Mr Pointon said: "I think the introduction of 24-hour drinking without the requisite change in culture was a mistake. The idea was that we would somehow develop a Continental café culture but that hasn't happened, especially in town centres."

"The feedback from officers is that they've had more problems since the 24-hour laws came in. They're also working into the early hours, which means they're not available at other times of the day when the public would like to see them."

"It's time to have a long, hard look at the licensing hours coupled with the drinking culture in this country."

Mr Pointon's criticism of 24-hour drinking is shared by Kent's former chief constable Mike Fuller, who warned against its introduction in an interview with KOS Media in January, 2005.

Irresponsible

In a follow-up discussion in April, 2006, Mr Fuller said: "I think the Government and health authorities are going to have a very difficult task in changing the culture where young people go out and get totally drunk. Now they have a longer period in which to do that."

According to the Home Office, about one million alcohol-related violent crimes were committed last year, with a fifth of all violent incidents taking place in or around a pub or club. Mrs May's plans also include forcing late-night bars to contribute to policing costs and street cleaning, and a ban on the sale of alcohol below cost price.

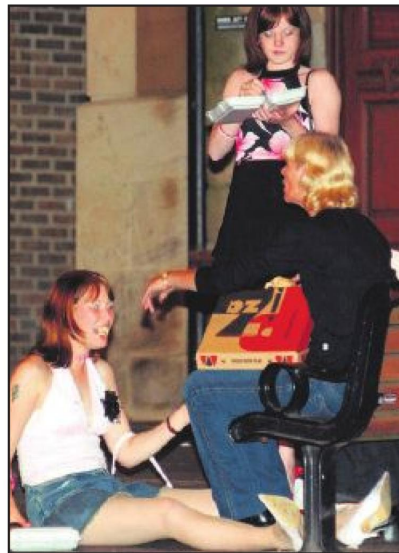
The latter suggestion will come as a blow to supermarkets which use cut-price beer and alcohol deals to lure shoppers.

Mr Pointon said some such offers were "irresponsible" – a view shared by the operations director of the east Kent-based Thorley Taverns pub chain, Phil Thorley.

He said: "I think 24-hour drinking is a bit of a myth, because so few 24-hour licences were issued and many that were have been rescinded because they weren't being operated properly. It's easy to blame everything on 24-hour drinking when it's actually the below-cost selling of alcohol in supermarkets that's at fault."

"The public are pleased to be able to buy cheap alcohol, but it's getting in the wrong hands and is unmanageable."

"You've only got to enter a local park at night to see who is drinking it and what problems it's creating. Below-cost selling is good for supermarkets because it drives footfall, but it's a real danger to our society."



NIGHT OUT: But changing the law without a cultural shift has created more problems

Air show family's takeover dismay

THE family of the founder of Kent's biggest air show has attacked a decision to change its management which could lead to six people losing their jobs.

Biggin Hill International Air Fair, founded in 1963 by Squadron Leader Jock Maitland, is run by his company Air Displays International (ADI). But the firm operating Biggin Hill Airport has announced it will take over to meet the conditions of the event's licence – with had three years left to run under ADI – as the Maitland family had become less prominent in organising the event since the founder retired five years ago.

Jim Maitland, the son of the founder, said: "The family interest would have come to a natural conclusion in three years and I feel the premature termination of the licence is a completely unjustified and inappropriate way to end a remarkable legacy."

Sadistic duo jailed

TWO women have been jailed for imprisoning and torturing a former friend during a horrific 18-hour attack after a row about a man.

Georgia Fenn, 18, was punched, kicked, beaten with a shoe, stamped on, whipped with a chain, burned with a cigarette and a lighter, and scalded with boiling water mixed with sugar. Detectives described the ordeal as 'sadistic' and welcomed the jail terms given to her attackers on Wednesday.

Lucy Viner-Mood, 22, and Lois Gibson, 18, both of Homewood Road, Langton Green, were sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court after pleading guilty to charges in June.

Viner-Mood was given five years for false imprisonment and three-and-a-half years for ABH, to run concurrently. Accomplice Gibson was sentenced to three years for false imprisonment and two for ABH, also concurrent.



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THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

I'm definitely with the band, says Charlie

FORMER solo artist Charlie Rivers has found a new world of music with a little help from his friends.

The singer-songwriter from Tunbridge Wells used to perform on his own, until he discovered the exciting possibilities of working with other musicians.

Now, just a year after their formation, the Charlie Rivers Band are hitting the high notes on their new album and already earning headline concert slots. But his transition from one-man band to frontman was an unexpected move for Rivers.

"It was a massive change – I went from just doing acoustic guitar and vocals, and underwent a complete transformation," Rivers, 22, said. "I started playing with guitarist Steve McCormack because I was looking for a slightly fuller live sound, so he played on a couple of live songs to start with.

Naturally

"Gradually I was asking him to play on more stuff and we ended up as an acoustic duo, then we started writing together and it just grew naturally. We found the need for a bass player, who came in the form of Jamie Latty, and eventually took the next step to get a drummer involved – Ashley Rushman.

"Before we knew it, it was a full band."

Describing their sound as "Coldplay meets Pearl Jam meets the Dave Matthews Band", Rivers found that the influences of his three fellow members also helped to evolve his original sound.

"Our bass player has come from a very heavy, almost metal, background and that

has given us a weird twist," he said. "We've gone from acoustic pop to acoustic rock."

The band have released two EPs and provided support for Suggs, Mutya Buena and Skye Edwards of Morcheeba at a charity launch party onboard HMS Belfast.

Soon they will headline the Local and Live Festival, which runs at the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells from August 27 to 30, and Rivers is convinced his future lies in a group environment.

"I don't see myself as a solo artist any more. It's called the Charlie Rivers Band, but it's very much a four-piece, it's not me and them. It's about these guys and the band."

Last year the band embarked on a three-week tour of California, where they found a strong provision for live music and a good reception for their sound. But becoming a rising rock star is a far cry from Rivers' early ambitions, when he first discovered music.

"I started off as a drummer and began singing lessons at 11.

"I realised I really loved singing, so I got involved in musical theatre for a long time and thought that was my avenue into music. But after a while I got fed up with the people and the business, so I started songwriting and I've been writing ever since."

The Charlie Rivers Band can be seen at the Paul Dunton and Guests showcase at the Grey Lady Music Lounge in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday, August 8. To find out more visit www.charlierivers.co.uk.



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Sentencing jolts cable theft trio

THREE men from Dartford have been sentenced for stealing electrical cabling worth about £2,500. Christopher Brotherwood, 36, of Ship Lane, Sutton at Hone, was given 60 hours' community service and two months' imprisonment, suspended for 18 months.

Sean O'Flaherty Jnr, 19, of Barton Road, Sutton at Hone; and Wayne Lee, 21, also of Barton Road, were both given 80 hours' community service. The cabling had been stolen from a building site in Holmesdale Road, Dartford, on August 6, last year.

Det Con Geoff Cloke of Kent Police said: "Metal thefts can be hugely disruptive to businesses and communities, with telephones and power supplies disconnected because cabling has been stolen."

A MAJORITY of kentnews.co.uk readers who took part in an online poll believe the Church of England should allow women bishops. But 40 per cent of the more than 200 who voted were against the move, which was recently discussed by the Synod.

Marvellous Monday

A FORMER editor of Marvel Comics will hold a cartoon workshop for 12 to 16-year-olds at three Medway libraries on Monday.

Tim Quinn, who has also worked on such titles such as Sparky, Topper and Dr Who, will introduce youngsters to the world of cartoon greats such as Spider-Man, Iron Man and the Incredible Hulk.

He will also be teaching them about figure drawing, story-telling in pictures and the history of comic books.

Mr Quinn will be at Strood library from 10am; Chatham library from 1.30pm; and Gillingham library from 4.30pm.

Cameron scrambles history

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A BATTLE of Britain pilot has backed plans for an education centre to be built in Kent, so the confused Prime Minister can come and brush up on his history.



HISTORY LESSON:
David Cameron

It comes after David Cameron's embarrassing slip in calling Britain a "junior partner" to the United States during the World War Two air battle against Nazi Germany in the summer of 1940 – despite the US not entering the war until December, 1941.

In the furious backlash since the gaffe, Mr Cameron has been accused of forgetting the heroics of those who repelled the Luftwaffe.

Now, the trust behind the Battle of Britain memorial at Capel-le-Ferne, near Dover, has renewed its appeal for help in raising money for an education centre, so future generations can avoid similar mistakes.

The centre will be designed as a living history resource using film and technology to recreate the historic events of 1940.

Wing Commander Bob Foster, who was just 20 when he took to the skies of Kent to defend his country from invasion, said it was clear such a centre is needed.

"We didn't know it at the time, but the Battle of Britain played a huge role in this nation's history and it's important that

future generations should be able to understand and remember the events of 1940," said the 90-year-old. "The fact that even the Prime Minister can get confused about the history of such an important conflict makes it clear to me that this hi-tech learning centre will be a welcome addition to the national memorial at Capel-le-Ferne."



RUN LIKE HELL: Hurricane pilots scramble for their fighters during the Battle of Britain

The memorial was the setting for the 70th anniversary commemorations on July 11, where 5,000 people gathered on the cliff-top to remember the British and Allied forces who fought between July 10 and October 31, 1940.

During the battle, just under 3,000 Allied airmen took to the skies – with some 550 never to return.

The memorial trust chairman Richard Hunting CBE said the education centre – which aims to give visitors an opportunity to experience what it was like to be one of The Few – will help politicians avoid potentially embarrassing slip-ups. While he accepted that Mr Cameron's comment was an unfor-

tunate mistake, he believes the facility will ensure future generations better understand the significance of the Battle of Britain. "The youngest of our veterans – 19 of whom joined us on July 11 – is now approaching 90 and we won't have them with us forever," he said.

"When we can no longer rely on their memories and they are no longer around, young people will need an exciting, relevant visitor centre that will inspire them to keep alive the heroism and sacrifice that kept our shores safe 70 years ago."

The trust is appealing for help in raising £650,000 to create the visitor attraction.

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TRANSPORT chiefs at County Hall have ruled out making any snap judgements about the future of Kent's speed camera network.

Councils across the country are considering scrapping the cameras altogether after the Government slashed £38 million of road safety funding, but KCC says it will review the situation before any decisions are made.

The authority has already slashed £508,000 from its speed camera budget for this year as part of a £15m savings plan.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard said: "The Government has cut the grant for speed cameras and therefore we are going to pass that cut on.

"We have always seen speed cameras as potentially improving road safety and never as an income generator, but if there are some cameras that are not contributing to road safety then I would want to identify those.

"I want to discuss the cuts with the police and the safety camera partnership because we haven't had the opportunity yet to properly reflect on what they might mean for the county."

When asked if KCC might follow the lead of other councils in scrapping some cameras, Cllr Chard replied: "I don't want to predict anything and I don't want to compromise the safety of road-users in Kent.

"It needs proper consideration rather than a very quick reaction."

As a result of the funding cut, councillors in Oxfordshire voted to switch off all 72 of the county's speed cameras from this weekend.

Networks in Devon, Cornwall,

Cuts to speed cameras to be considered by roads chiefs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

Somerset and Northamptonshire are all also under review.

Earlier this year, the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership revealed that more than 33,400 speeding tickets were issued to motorists in 2008-09, earning more than £2m for the central government pot.

But despite claims by the partnership of a 63 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured since 2002, motorists groups say they want to see the cameras go.

Ian Taylor, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said it

was bad driving rather than excessive speed that caused accidents. "There may be a few accident black spots where speed cameras do a good job, but not many. We regard them as an excuse for revenue raising. The money might not go back to the council but it ends up in the public purse," he said.

"I just hope that if they're taken away it doesn't open the door for more speed humps and 20mph limit zones."

The move to discontinue central funding for speed cameras was included in the coalition agreement.

Road safety minister Mike Penning said the Government was delivering on its pledge to "end the war on the motorist".

A CROSS-CHANNEL record set 87 years ago has been ended by a swimmer who has set the longest crossing time ever recorded.

Jackie Cobell took 28 hours and 44 minutes - two hours longer than the

record that has stood since 1923.

Mrs Cobell, 56, started the swim on Saturday, July 24, and swam night and day, crossing the busy shipping lanes in total darkness, and finally reached the French beaches the

following day. The mother of two, from Tonbridge, said: "It was quite cold, it got very tiring towards the end, my arms packed up but I kept driving myself because I really, really wanted to achieve it."

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THOUSANDS of children with special education needs could be left out in the cold as a new generation of schooling gets the go ahead.

The academies bill, which was passed in Parliament on Monday by MPs, is the most radical overhaul in education for decades.

But critics fear the changes – where schools can opt to become academies and be run independently from local authority control – could be detrimental to special education needs (SEN) children.

Schooling experts have said the admissions process for academies is too vague, with concerns SEN youngsters may be pushed aside for the more elite students.

County Hall Labour councillor Leslie Christie said: "The concern is that if academies are able to work their own admissions, they will no doubt seek to have pupils who will produce the best results.

"And for SEN children who do remain in maintained schools, there may not be the infrastructure for the council to continue to provide services for them if more and more academies get their services elsewhere."

Under the new education system, primary and secondary schools can opt to become academies, meaning they are state-funded – with extra money allowing them to buy services usually provided by the council – and free to set their own pay scales and curriculum. They are also in charge of their own admissions, although ministers have stressed they must abide by the Admissions Code.

But unlike maintained schools, academies can appeal against an order by the local education authority (LEA) to take on a statemented child – a pupil with severe SEN – through the Secretary of State.

Maintained schools can only argue against the LEA.

Workers in the field contacted by KOS Media said the rules were unclear.

Concern

Jo Blamires, from the Kent Autistic Trust, said: "It's something I'm concerned about, but it's not yet clear how the arrangements are going to work."

Gravesend-based independent education advisor Peter Read agreed the admissions system was vague.

"There is anecdotal evidence that there could be problems with SEN admissions, but at the moment the situation is very unclear."

The latest Government figures showed Kent County Council has the highest number of SEN children with and without statements, with a total of 50,640 SEN pupils – 23,430 in secondary and 27,210 in primary.

Almost 6,500 have statements and need a higher level of help. Nationally, KCC had the highest total pupil population at 230,571.

Currently, out of the schools opting to become academies, only those rated outstanding by Ofsted are being fast-tracked through the process.

Many of these schools are high-performing, selective grammars which have a smaller intake of SEN.

A report to KCC highlighted concerns felt by the authority that the new system would not create a 'level-playing field'.

It stated that KCC would lose out on around £700,000 in grants, but the 15 outstanding schools going through the academies process would receive in total an additional £4 million.

A KCC spokesman said: "It would be premature to make judgements about how academies will impact on provision for children with SEN until the picture is clearer.

"KCC has always taken a proactive approach to working in partnership with academies for the benefit of its pupils and it will continue to adopt this approach for the future. KCC is a large county council and it is not surprising the total number of children with a statement of SEN is higher than for other smaller authorities."

Special needs may miss out in academies

Picture posed by models



PETER READ explains the controversy around special needs education in Kent

A FREEDOM of Information request has revealed that, contrary to Kent County Council claims, there has been a dramatic fall in the number of children offered places this year in Special Educational Need (SEN) Units attached to mainstream schools.

Although KCC claims there has been no change of policy, the number of fresh admissions to primary SEN units has dropped by 75 per cent, falling from 73 to 18 in the past year.

It is possible the latter figure will rise slightly over the coming year, as parents realise they may have been misled by some KCC officials telling them that units are closing, but the fall is still stark.

Kent's head of education wrote to the Kent branch of the National Autistic Society in February that the authority planned to increase the number of unit placements provided for children with autism in the coming year.

However, the reality is the number of new placements in primary autistic units has declined even faster, from 20 children to three, refuting her assertion.

There are 950 spaces available in 63 Units supporting SEN children. If this year's admission level continues, these will become unsustainable and close.

There is also a decline in numbers for secondary aged units, although this is not currently so steep as many children follow through from the primary phase.

KCC is currently undertaking an evaluation of the current changes, although this is being carried out by the very officers responsible for the situation.

The difficulty in obtaining the figures suggests official unease over them, unsurprisingly given repeated assertions that units are still accepting children on the same basis as previous years.

I have proposed that this data (available online at www.kentadvice.co.uk) should form part of that evaluation, but have not yet had a response.

The new approach sees more children placed in mainstream classes with support from staff in lead schools who should have expertise in their specialism, although this places additional pressure on class teachers already dealing with a wide range of SEN.

Already Ofsted reports that some Kent schools have 50 per cent of children with SEN. I believe the new academy programme will exacerbate this pressure on the schools that are left behind, to the detriment of all the children.

On a positive note, it is pleasing to see the number of children offered statements of SEN across Kent has been stable over the past three years. My concern remains what will happen in the classroom to those children.

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REFERENDUM: Nick Clegg prefers AV

Electoral reform wins few votes from our politicians

A REFERENDUM on electoral reform offering a move to the 'alternative vote' system has been met with cross-party derision, *writes Steve Knight*.

Next year the public will be asked if they want to abolish the current 'first past the post' format – a referendum agreed by the Conservatives when forming the coalition with the Lib Dems.

Under the alternative vote (AV) system proposed, voters rank candidates in order of

preference. Anyone receiving more than 50 per cent is elected, otherwise the person with the fewest votes is eliminated and their backers' second choices allocated to those remaining.

But some of Kent's most outspoken politicians say such a reform would not ensure a Parliament that is truly representative of the public.

Former UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage, who lives in Westerham, near Sevenoaks, said the AV system would make little difference to the current make-up of the Commons.

He added that many parties prefer the AV+ system, in which there is a top-up group of MPs whose election is based on regional votes for parties.

Preferential

Mr Farage, a South East MEP, said: "AV is preferential but still not proportional. It will make very little difference – maybe a few more Lib Dems, but only a few. Nick Clegg has let his party down. This is not what they campaigned for."

"There's a danger that if this is passed it will block the real debate on electoral reform. What we want is AV+, which has worked for the Scottish Parliament and Welsh and London assemblies."

The referendum is due to be held on May 5 next year and will pose the question – 'Do you want the United Kingdom to adopt the 'alternative vote' system instead of the current 'first past the post' system for electing Members of Parliament to the House of Commons?'

It forms part of the new Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill,

which includes a proposal to cut the number of MPs from 650 to 600 and must be passed by Parliament before a referendum can be held.

Shepway Lib Dem councillor Peter Carroll, who lost out to Tory rival Helen Grant in the race to become Maidstone's new MP, admitted the AV system was not what most Lib Dems were looking for.

He said: "I can't see that the alternative vote is going to revolutionise the system. It's wrong that parties like Ukip don't have a representative in Parliament. I may not agree with their views, but a lot of people voted for them, so it's outrageous that they don't have a voice."

Kent County Council Labour leader Cllr Leslie Christie is now his party's most senior politician in Kent following a Tory whitewash at both the local and national elections.

He said: "In the county council elections we received 17 per cent of the vote but only two per cent of the number of councillors, so there's a clear case of misrepresentation."

"It's tempting to have a better form of proportional representation, but personally I'd rather have a clear-cut government or council rather than one run by coalitions."

Tory North Thanet MP Roger Gale added that the AV system was a "cop-out for people who can't make up their minds".

• FIVE of Kent's Tory MPs have signed an Early Day Motion calling for the voting reform referendum to be moved as it clashes with devolved elections.

Mark Reckless (Rochester and Strood), Tracey Crouch (Chatham and Aylesford), Adam Holloway (Gravesham), Bob Stewart (Beckenham) and Michael Fallon (Sevenoaks) are among 44 fellow Conservatives to have backed the motion.

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Kent is quick out of the blocks

By **MARIJKE COX**

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TWO years from now the eyes of the world will be on the UK as the Olympic Games return to London after 62 years.

To start the countdown, an official launch took place at the Olympic Park in east London on Tuesday, giving a taste of what to expect when the biggest sporting event in the world comes to the capital in 2012.

As a bordering county, Kent will feature prominently during the Olympics and Paralympics, with 37 training camps for thousands of competitors.

They include Margate beach which will provide training facilities for volleyball teams; Brands Hatch for cyclists; and Ashford's Julie Rose Stadium for athletes.

Cllr Mike Hill, cabinet member for communities at Kent County Council, said the authority was working to maximise the benefits through tourism and business.

"We've done a lot already," he said. "We have contracts worth £20 million and expect more to come. But the most important thing is to raise enthusiasm for participation in sport. We're already doing this through the Kent School Games which is going national. That is the legacy."

Culture

Cllr Hill said KCC was also focusing on the Cultural Olympiad which will showcase arts and culture.

Asked how much the Olympics and Paralympics could bring to the county, Cllr Hill said: "The Open golf in Sandwich next year is estimated to bring £70m through investment. That's bringing in a quarter of a million people. If you look at it on that scale, then we should bring in a substantial amount through tourism and business."

"Our location is good. We are very close to the Games and also close to the Continent for people coming across the Channel."

To celebrate the countdown and to mark the close links with Kent, sporting, cultural and art events took place as part of the Open Weekend challenge last week.

Residents were given the opportunity to take part in activities ranging from belly-dancing to speed drawing.

Sport and Olympics minister Hugh Robertson said it was a great opportunity for residents to get involved.

The MP for Faversham and Mid Kent was at the launch of the two-year countdown at the Olympic Park, alongside London Mayor Boris Johnson and former athlete and chairman of the London



Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) Lord Coe.

Mr Robertson said: "Two years to go and London 2012 is in excellent shape. The construction phase is 70 per cent complete and the LOCOG has attracted an unprecedented level

of sponsorship and captured the hearts and minds of children with the launch of mascots Wenlock and Mendeville.

"We are making real strides in developing a meaningful sports legacy, which will be announced in the autumn."

GET SET, GO:
Olympic gold medal sprinter Michael Johnson runs with school children in the first 'race' to be held in the Olympic Stadium during the two-year countdown event on Tuesday

Tuesday's launch was also part of a campaign to invite volunteers to help out at the Games. "We enter another new phase of London 2012 – bringing the Great British public on board," said Mr Robertson. "Volunteers are the heartbeat of every Olympic and Paralympic Games and crucial to their success. We need skilled and passionate people who have the commitment to make 2012 the best ever."

Organisers need 70,000 volunteers for the Games. Cllr Hill said thousands were already on the Kent database.

In Medway, hundreds of people marked the countdown with a one-mile fun run in Rochester. They were joined by Paul Nihill, the 1964 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist in the 50km walk, and Liz McVeigh, a member of the women's rowing team in the 1980 Moscow Olympics, both of whom live in Chatham.

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Deadly dangers of flooded pits

POLICE have warned about the dangers of swimming in flooded gravel and ballast pits, and other former industrial sites.

Landowners in the Canterbury area have contacted police over concerns that people are swimming in the lakes during the hot weather.

Police say the water is often deep and becomes cold quickly, there is no shallow water at the edge, the sides of the pit are often steep making it difficult to get out, and there may be discarded machinery under the surface.

PC Andy Taylor said: "I have seen the sad result of a young man who jumped in and the cold caused him to take a sharp intake of breath, but he inhaled water and tragically drowned. Under these conditions the body's natural reaction is to go into cramp and the consequences can be severe."

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By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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DUNKIRK little ship the Medway Queen – Britain's last estuary paddle steamer – is returning to her former glory.

After decades of neglect, the Queen was reduced to a decaying pile of steel and wood, but as a massive restoration project in Bristol draws to an end, preparations are being made to bring the steamer home.

She should be afloat under her own steam some time in 2012.

September, next year, is the target for towing her back to Kent, thanks to work being paid for with European funding secured by Medway Council, which has been supporting the Medway Queen Preservation Society.

More than £900,000 was secured from the Regional Development Fund, which created

Full steam ahead for Queen's return

training opportunities for apprentices to work on the restoration that will help keep old ship-building skills alive.

With the hull being completed at a Bristol shipyard, it's full steam ahead in Medway. Apprentices are busy restoring parts of the historic vessel so the refit can progress seamlessly when the hull arrives.

MidKent College students are using their skills in woodwork and engineering, including welding and fabrication.

Luke Norris, 22, has been learning welding to restore handrails and lamp standards. He said:



GLORY DAYS: The Medway Queen was popular as a post-war pleasure cruiser



SHIP SHAPE: Riveting the hull, with the old skills being passed to a new generation

"It was a good opportunity to give something back to Medway and its history.

"Learning engineering at the college has helped me and, in turn, I can help with the restoration."

Project chairman John Kempton said: "We're happy with the progress being made and can't wait to get her back on the Medway, where she belongs."

The Medway Queen rescued 7,000 men from the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940 in a record seven crossings of the Channel.

After the war, she resumed paddle steaming duties on the Thames and Medway

before being retired in 1963. Years later, her rotting hulk was rediscovered and a battle began to get her afloat once again.

Cllr Jane Chitty, Medway Council's portfolio holder for economic growth, said: "This project has given Medway the unique opportunity to not only restore a piece of our naval heritage, but also to bring it back to Medway and engage future generations, creating work and training opportunities for them.

"A lot of work went into securing funding for this project, as well as a range of other initiatives we are working on with our partners in Europe, all designed to benefit the community."

A PICTURE by eminent Ramsgate-born maritime painter Francis Holman (1729-84) is going in sale at Bonhams in London.

The painting shows fighting between the fleets of Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood and the French Comte de Grasse in Frigate Bay, St Kitts, on January 26, 1782.

The pre-sale estimate is £50,000 to £70,000. The painting shows the British, under the com-

mand of Hood, defending the British West Indian island against occupation by the French.

Holman was born into a shipping family. His father was a master mariner and his grandfather a cooper, while his brother, Captain John Holman, was in charge of the family business.

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Pearl revival has experts in a flutter

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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ONE of Britain's rarest butterflies is making a dramatic comeback in Kent.

Experts reintroduced the pearl-bordered fritillary in 2007 after it disappeared in the county – and now it is flourishing.

A project to bring it back was launched by the Forestry Commission, Butterfly Conservation and RSPB.

It is a distinctive butterfly which should be easy to spot. It is bright orange and black, with what looks like white pearls on the edge of its hindwing.

It has been seen in record numbers in Tudeley Woods, near Tunbridge Wells.

After several years of coppicing there is now a good supply of plants for caterpillars,

Project a success as endangered butterfly thrives

helping to boost the numbers of butterflies. In previous years, it had been living in small numbers at just 10 sites scattered across the South East.

Butterfly Conservation senior regional officer, Dan Hoare, said: "These projects are pivotal to the success of this butterfly's conservation in the future."

"It has given us new hope we can reverse the declines, and it's brilliant that organisations are working together across the country to share reintroduction techniques."

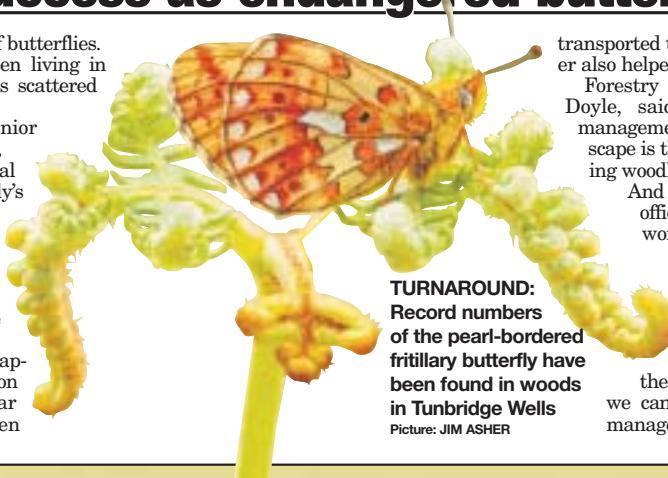
The project used butterflies captured from Forestry Commission land at Rewell Wood near Chichester. They were then

transported to Kent, and the good weather also helped make the move a success.

Forestry Commission ecologist, Jay Doyle, said: "The decline of forest management across the British landscape is the single biggest issue affecting woodlands and their biodiversity."

And RSPB biodiversity projects officer, Jane Sears, added: "It's wonderful to see the woodland management at Tudeley Woods is supporting this beautiful butterfly."

"We will continue to keep a close eye on them and check we are providing the right conditions, and I hope we can encourage other woodland managers to follow our example."



TURNAROUND: Record numbers of the pearl-bordered fritillary have been found in woods in Tunbridge Wells

Picture: JIM ASHER

New clinic to help epilepsy and migraine sufferers cope

EPILEPSY patients and others who suffer from regular headaches are to benefit from the expansion of two unique NHS services.

The Bethesda Medical Centre in Margate is home to doctors who specialise in both fields, giving thousands of residents who might otherwise be referred to London-based neurologists the chance to be seen by a GP closer to home.

And following a cash injection by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, more patients than ever before will now be given access to the clinics.

The service had been helping 750 patients a year, but this will now go up to 1,200 thanks to the new funding.

The epilepsy service is run by Dr Greg Rogers, who leads a team of seven GPs who run specialist clinics in their surgeries.

Epilepsy affects nearly 4,000 people in the eastern and coastal region, and Dr Rogers said patients would appreciate being treated just a few miles from their home.

Seizures

He added: "Epilepsy is a serious condition and there remains a lot of stigma which can be very upsetting for patients."

"Having ongoing seizures is not only upsetting and affects the quality of life of patients, but also puts them at risk of injury. Uncontrolled seizures can sometimes be fatal."

"We are hoping to improve the lives of patients by trying to reduce the side effects of medication and reduce harmful risk by eradicating their seizures."

The epilepsy and headache clinics are available to residents living in Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay, Swale, Ashford, Dover, Shepway and Thanet.

Dr Andrew Dowson has run the Bethesda headache clinic since November, 2007, and has secured funding to open a satellite centre in Ashford.

In the past year Dr Dowson has seen more than 840 patients from across the patch, with just one being referred on to neurology.


He said: "Patients can suffer from migraines, tension headaches, cluster headaches or chronic headaches which can be incredibly disabling."

"One third of referrals to neurology are headache patients, which is not only costly for the NHS but unnecessary for the patient."

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County creates a scene

Royal blessing lets authorities close streets so film, TV and ad directors can get cameras rolling as Kent becomes an increasingly popular location for filming



ON LOCATION: Michael Caine in *Is Anybody There*; Jude Law and Robert Downey Jr in *Sherlock Holmes*; Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson in *The Other Boleyn Girl*; and Brenda Blethyn in *The Calling* – all had scenes shot in Kent

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THE Queen has given Royal Assent to a new law that allows authorities in Kent to shut down roads to allow big movies to be shot.

It's been greeted as great news for the county, which has become the first area outside London to succeed in gaining the unusual power.

Films are big business and the Kent Film Office boasts it has created £14 million for the county already since it was set up just four years ago.

This has been achieved with films paying for scenes to be shot in the county and the spin off to local economies from visitors keen to see the actual locations.

Recent major movies made in Kent, at least partially, include *The Other Boleyn Girl*, at Penshurst Place, Dover Castle and Knole Park, starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Eric Bana; plus *Reese Witherspoon* in *Vanity Fair*; Daniel Craig in *The Golden Compass*; and *Sherlock Holmes* at the Historic Dockyard Chatham, starring Jude Law and Robert Downey Jr.

There have also been several other smaller titles like *The Calling* with Ramsgate actress Brenda Blethyn alongside Rita Tushingham, Amanda Donohoe and Academy Award nominated Susannah York.

The BBC has also made films and series in Kent, including *Emma*, which starred Michael Gambon, *Romola Garai* and *Jonny Lee Miller*; and *Is Anybody There?*, in which Michael Caine played an elderly man grappling with his own mortality.

Red-tape

Poirot was filmed in St Margaret's Bay near Dover, plus Bob Hoskins and Sean Wilton starred in *Ruby Blue* which was filmed in Thanet.

The floodgates could now open for many more major titles. Hollywood is constantly looking to England for unusual locations, but closing roads is always a major red-tape hurdle that can take weeks to organise.

With the new law in place, it can be done much faster, making Kent much more attractive to producers.

Kent County Council said the push for the law shows its passion and support for local business and the local economy by maximising the multi-million pound benefits from the industry.

It became an Act of Parliament much earlier than expected after passing through without objection, it said.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, KCC cabinet member for regeneration and economic development said: "This is fantastic news. Filming brings a serious income into the Kent economy, so we're absolutely committed to nurturing

the industry and making Kent a national and international contender for filming.

"Our wonderfully diverse county has everything from dramatic landscapes and historical settings to modern, urban backdrops and the new law means we can offer film-makers an even better package."

The Film Office reassured residents they

would not be edited out of the loop, and would be consulted should an application to close their road is made.

The council said that while the new law gives legal powers to close roads, the Kent Film Office will continue to work closely with local residents and businesses and take their needs into account.

Tanya Oliver, director of strategic development and public access, added: "This is really exciting for Kent. We can now offer filmmakers a real flexibility to meet their needs and that's going to make us an even more attractive prospect."

"I think our county is set for stardom that will benefit everyone."

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Universities want better grades

Student numbers hike leads to rise in A-level scores needed for degree

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THE SOARING number of applicants is forcing universities to increase their entry requirements.

Although the required grades for 2010-11 courses have already been set, chancellors at some institutions have revealed they are to increase the A-level grades needed for entry in September, 2011, in readiness for the mass of applications expected.

Others are set to review their admissions requirements.

It follows the release of figures by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) that showed a rise in applications of

11.6 per cent across the country to 660,953 from last year's figure of 592,312.

And tens of thousands may continue to apply before September's deadline, as fears of job shortages caused by the recession push people to go into higher education.

Universities are set limits as to how many students they can accept each year, with hefty fines issued for going above the capped figure.

Intake

Canterbury Christ Church University – which has a total of around 15,000 students at its Canterbury, Medway, Broadstairs and Folkestone campuses – is expecting its highest ever intake this year.

Pro-vice chancellor, Sue Piotrowski, said the institution will up the number of UCAS points required to get a place from 200 to 240 in 2011-12.

This means a student, instead of just need-

ing CCE or BB at A-level, will need to obtain CCC or AA for the majority of the courses that are on offer.

For AS-levels, which are worth half the points of A-levels, students will need to up their game even more with AA needed just to secure 120 points.

Professor Piotrowski said: "The university's entry requirements are monitored. For 2010 the requirement for most degree courses is 200 UCAS points and there have been no changes to our publicised grades for 2010."

"Following a review, the university will increase its entry requirements for 2011 entry to 240 UCAS points for most courses."

"Over the last four years the university has experienced a 67 per cent increase in UCAS applications and is currently expecting its highest-ever intake."

The University for the Creative Arts, which

has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester, will shortly be carrying out a review of its admissions requirements.

Head of admissions, Nic Pike, said it was too early to tell whether the university would have to make any changes.

The University of Kent was unable to comment on a change in entry grades, but is expecting to have a reduced number of clearing places available in August as a result of public spending cuts.

Nicola Dandridge, chief executive of Universities UK, which represents the higher education sector, said: "Some universities, particularly for high-demand courses, are having to review their entry requirements because of the increasingly high levels of demand."

"This is understandable if an institution has made a decision to stay within their government set target."

Fear private institutions will damage academic standards

ACADEMICS have voiced their concerns following the creation of the first new private university for more than 30 years.

Universities minister David Willetts announced this week that BPP Professional Education – which has a study centre in Maidstone – has been awarded university college status.

Mr Willetts said the move would help create a "dynamic and flexible" degree system, but the UCU lecturers' union says it will only damage the UK's international reputation and invite "serious questions" about standards.

General secretary, Sally Hunt, said: "This could mark the beginning of a slippery slope for academic provision in this country."

"Encouraging the growth of private providers and making it easier for them to call them-

selves universities would be a disaster for the UK's academic reputation."

"It would also represent a huge threat to academic freedom and standards."

According to a UCU survey of 500 professors, about 96 per cent said they were opposed to private companies being given an easier route into becoming universities.

Mrs Hunt said: "Private providers are not

accountable to the public and do not deserve to be put in the same league as our universities."

BPP (originally Brierley Price Prior) was founded in 1976 to provide training to accountancy students.

Today it is part of the Apollo Group of educational establishments, which also owns and operates one of America's largest universities, the University of Phoenix.

A BPP spokeswoman said the study centre in Maidstone High Street – along with the company's 20-plus other offices – would become part of the overall BPP University College.

She added: "At present our Maidstone centre runs courses for professionals in accounting."

"While they are not immediately impacted, the kudos of being trained at a university college will certainly be seen as a positive move."

BPP will be the first private university college created since Buckingham in 1976, which continues to be the only university in the UK operating without direct government funding.

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Golf club boss is a real iron-man

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A GOLF club manager has a fair-way to run, swim and cycle as he prepares for a 140-mile extreme fitness challenge.

Ben Abbott, 34, from Maidstone, must tackle a 26-mile marathon, a 2.5-mile swim and a 112-mile cycle race when he takes part in next month's Ironman triathlon in Bolton.

And as assistant course manager of Chart Hills golf club in Biddenden, near Ashford, the dedicated athlete has the perfect training ground at his disposal.

He said: "I love the training, even though it's often hard to fit in when you work full time. I am up at 4am every day to get to the course for 5am, so I have to be focused on my goal."

"I get a lot of my running work done at Chart Hills, as the course and its terrain make for a good training run of about six miles."

Every week Mr Abbott runs at least 25 miles, cycles more than 100 and swims about five.

He also practices yoga and Pilates

and spends five hours a week weight training in the gym.

"It's the challenge that motivates me," said Mr Abbott. "I have always enjoyed sport but competing in the Ironman means you have to be in peak condition."

"Being fit and eating healthily is not just about your physical appearance and capabilities. It also has a fantastic effect on your mind and helps to build confidence within you."

The triathlon on August 1 will be Ben's second full Ironman event.

He finished his first last year in a time of 11.5 hours.

Meanwhile, a Herne Bay surgeon flew to Zurich in Switzerland last weekend to take part in a separate Ironman competition.

Andrew Smith, 42, is an orthopaedic surgeon at the private Chaucer Hospital in Canterbury.

He fitted training in between shifts for the event, which he tackled to raise money for the League of Friends group at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.



ON COURSE:
Ben Abbott
in training at
Chart Hills

Get reggae for Roots

REGGAE star turned TV chef Levi Roots will be signing copies of his new book Food for Friends at Bluewater on Wednesday, August 4.

The entrepreneur, who rose

to fame when he took his Reggae Reggae sauce onto Dragons' Den, will be at Waterstone's at 12.30pm to promote his new book of Caribbean recipes.



Duo on £350,000 fraud charges

TWO people have been charged with alleged fraud offences totalling more than £350,000.

Michael Wiseman, 43, and Sally Wiseman, 32, both of Green Close, Epping Green, Essex, will appear before Dartford Magistrates Court for a first hearing on Wednesday, August 4.

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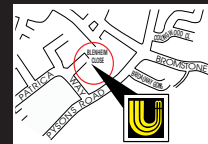
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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Charles Evans (left) hands the lift keys over to Eamonn Rooney

Historic lift is back on the up

FOLKESTONE'S Leas Lift, which links the town to the shore, is to re-open for business this weekend, **writes Nick Ames.**

The popular funicular railway – 125 years old this September – has been out of action since June 30 last year.

Its previous backer, Shepway Council, had withdrawn financial support – leaving the lift in the lurch.

But Folkestone Estates, which owns the lift and sections of the seafront, stepped into the breach and brought the system back into working order.

On Monday its representatives handed the keys to the stations on top of the Leas and close to the seafront to the newly created Folkestone Leas Lift Community Interest Company that will run it.

Groans

Crowds cheered as the two cars made their slow progress up and down the cliffs to the accompaniment of the well-remembered creeks and groans of vintage machinery.

The Grade II-listed lift is powered solely by the weight of water.

The fluid is loaded into a tank of the carriage at the top of the cliff face and as it descends it pulls the carriage at the bottom back to the top. The process is then reversed for the return journey.

Eamonn Rooney is a founder member of the group and also collects tickets on the lift.

"This is a fantastic day for Folkestone," he said. "Part of our heritage has been saved. "When I left as a ticket collector 13

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months ago I knew it wasn't the end of the story. Now this has proved to be the case."

The lift ran into problems due to lack of finances. In its last year of operation it took around £35,000 charging visitors just under £1 a ride.

This was its lowest return for several years – but its new operators say such a sum raised in the next 12 months will be enough to guarantee its continuing running.

They also plan to sell souvenirs, soft drinks and snacks to raise further funds.

Pamela Hogg, who is part of the operating company, added: "We are now back in business and an importance part of local history is again available for people to enjoy.

"What we want now is for people to support the lift – after all it's a quick way down to the beach and you don't have to climb all those stairs to get back up."

Grassland saved

A MEADOW teeming with wildflowers has been saved from possible destruction.

Brockles Field, opposite the Ranscombe Farm Reserve near Strood, was under threat of being bought up and ploughed.

But conservation charity Plantlife has saved the grassland with help from £550,900 in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and money from Medway Council.

The authority's cabinet member for community services, Cllr Howard Doe, said: "Ranscombe Farm is an area of outstanding natural beauty and importance in Medway.

"There are some breathtaking scenes and this investment will ensure access is improved and this popular green space can be enjoyed by more people."

Jailed for blinding

A THUG who blinded a party-goer in one eye after beating him with a piece of wood has been jailed for more than four years.

The weapon brandished by 24-year-old Gravesend resident Aaron Moon had a nail stuck in it, which is believed to have caused the damage to his 20-year-old victim's eye.

Moon was sentenced to four years and two months behind bars last week, having earlier pleaded guilty to assault and to breaching his bail conditions.

Maidstone Crown Court heard how Moon was one of a group of young people who attacked the victim as he left a party in Kings Farm, Gravesend, in January last year.

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Knife crime is blunted before it is a problem

KNIFE and gun crime among the county's teenagers is being successfully tackled before it has even become a problem, says Kent Police.

Thanks to schemes like the Tackling Knives Action Programme, the force has been able to avoid the types of gang-related offences currently plaguing cities such as Manchester and Liverpool.

Chief Insp Lee Russell revealed the Government had recently awarded Kent Police a £200,000 grant to keep up the good work, which has been spent on education programmes and enforcement equipment like knife detectors.

He said: "One of the reasons the Government came to us was because we already had an established knife action programme.

"The view we take is that there's no harm in having a solution to prevent a problem. Kent doesn't have a gun or knife problem, but we will do whatever we can to sustain the reduction in offences we are already seeing."

Between April, 2009, and March, 2010, there were 2,846 fewer incidents of violent crime in Kent compared to the year before. There were also 170 fewer cases of serious violent knife crime and 21 fewer cases of gun crime.

Chief Insp Russell said despite the emphasis on youth offending, most of Kent's young people are well-behaved and will never fall foul of the law.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said she was pleased to see the force taking the initiative to talk to young people.

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By KATIE HOLDEN

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Last gasp for smoking in parks if enforcement issues overcome

SMOKING could be banned in public parks if there are children around – but officials are worried about how it could be enforced, writes **Chris Murphy**.

The option is being considered by Kent County Council, but enforcement problems could stub it out at an early stage. The idea was mooted in a KCC document on ways to help people stop lighting up.

The report, called Towards a Smokefree Generation, says smokefree homes and cars would help protect children, and adds: "Smokefree parks, events, sports grounds and arenas. There is an opportunity for Kent partners, especially local authorities and the county council, to demonstrate a commitment to protecting children from tobacco by supporting the call for smoke-free conditions (mandatory or voluntary) to



SO LONG, SUCKER: Smoking in parks could become a thing of the past

be applied to events and/or facilities that are aimed at children and/or families."

Allan Gregory is the tobacco control manager of the Kent Alliance on Smoking Health (Kash), based at County Hall in Maidstone. He said: "This is central government strategy and in our report we are bringing it to people's attention. It is in our report for information and a reflection of the national agenda."

It also suggests banning smoking in prisons and mental health units. Kash is a partnership between Kent organisations involved in tobacco control. It wants to promote smoke-free environments, highlight stop-smoking support, tackle underage tobacco sales, and stop counterfeit tobacco products and smuggling.

It is made up of representatives from the Eastern and Coastal Kent and West Kent Stop Smoking Services, the 12 local authorities in Kent, the county council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue, UK Border Agency, HM Revenue & Customs, education services and Trading Standards.

KCC says more than 2,000 Kent people die prematurely every year due to smoking, which is the biggest cause of preventable

death in the county. And it costs Kent businesses about £215 million in sick days and smoking breaks.

Reaction around the county was variable. A Medway Council official said: "We are not currently considering a ban on smoking in parks."

A Shepway council spokesman said: "We think this is unenforceable under the Health Act. Any landowner can make what restrictions they like in the way their own land is used, although we're not sure how they would enforce this smoking ban."

A Dover District Council official said: "We will continue to work with KCC and other agencies to help promote healthy living across the district. The proposal relating to smoking in parks does raise issues regarding enforcement and we await further information on how it could be taken forward before giving serious consideration to the idea."

• **To see the report online, visit <https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/health-and-wellbeing/kent-tobacco-control-strategy-2010-2014%20vd1%202.doc>**

Such good eggs at County Hall

KENT County Council has been presented with a Good Egg Award for sourcing its eggs from cage-free hens.

The council used cage-free eggs, or barn eggs, in 15 per cent of its school catering, and exclusively for catering at County Hall and its Oakwood House centre. Vice-chair Cllr Paulina Stockell, accepting the award from Compassion in World Farming, said: "We are delighted at this recognition of our commitment to better animal welfare."

KCC has also made a commitment towards sourcing cage-free eggs in all the county's schools. It is estimated the authority buys 170,000 cage-free eggs a year.



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All the shuttles left on time and traffic on the terminal in Folkestone was fluid throughout the day.

Eurotunnel commercial director Jo Willacy said: "Our forecasts for the summer are very good. The exchange rate and problems the airline industry had with the volcanic ash cloud play in our favour."

"We prepared for this with a major increase in the number of departures, rising to four per hour on peak days."

Father's grief

THE devastated father of a young woman killed in a hit-and-run incident in Ibiza has paid tribute to his "wonderful" daughter.

Julian Foulkes issued the statement after the tragic death of Francesca, 21, from Wigmere, in San Antonio in the early hours of Sunday.

Mr Foulkes, a Kent Police Special Constable, said: "Francesca was extremely well loved by family and friends and will be sadly missed.

"She was a keen dancer and used to go to Pineapple Dance studios in London at least once a week, or when she had the money.

"As well as being outgoing and popular, Francesca was also extremely kind and considerate to others. Francesca was a wonderful person and we are all proud of what she achieved."

Police arrested a Spanish man, 24, who was said to be almost three times over the drink drive limit, and had taken cocaine, cannabis and crystal meth.

Tempted by double dose of apples' health benefits

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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WE'VE all heard the expression about an apple a day, but who knew that if the dose was doubled the benefits were even greater?

New research suggests doctors could have

extra free time on their hands if more people used apples – a fruit for which Kent is rightly renowned – to keep them away.

The findings are from ISAFRUIT, a research project partly paid for by the European Union. Researchers claim to have found that eating just two apples a day can help reduce cholesterol by an astonishing 10 per cent.

Paddock Wood-based Norman Collett Ltd is a member of the English Fruit Marketing Group. Sarah Calcutt, its business development manager, said: "The health benefits of eating apples as part of your daily diet are already well documented and researched.

"Now we're seeing the benefits that regular consumption of two apples a day can have in helping reduce cholesterol levels."

Dieting

American Tammi Flynn, author of the 3-Apple-a-Day book, believes an apple before every meal can help slimmers lose three times more weight than normal dieting. She claims a triple dose of apples a day helped 376 people lose 6,312lb in 12 weeks.

Ms Calcutt said: "It has been clinically proven that if you eat an apple 15 minutes before a meal, you will consume on average 180 fewer calories.

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Missing millions as council tax goes uncollected

MEDWAY Council has topped a table of shame with the most uncollected cash from council tax and business rates in the South East, according to a trade union.

But the council says it is doing everything to cut the deficit and claims it will eventually collect most of the total debt.

The GMB union found Medway's coffers were short of more than £10 million in uncollected council taxes and rates from businesses.

The people of Medway owe the council an astonishing £4,215,000 in council tax covering just the past year. For the same period, uncollected non-domestic rates are at £6,250,000.

The union said for all 67 councils in South East the total uncollected was £154,175,559.

Richard Ascough, GMB regional secretary, said: "This level of uncollected taxes cannot be accepted at a time when deficits in the public finances are giving rise to cuts in services and job losses."

Bad debt

"We have called for the rules to be revamped to make non-payment almost impossible."

A council spokesman said: "We have a duty to make sure everyone pays and we make every effort to recover all tax debt."

"While all councils realise there will be some bad debt, we expect to collect more than 98.5 per cent of all council tax billed, over time."

"This is very much in line with other councils' expectations. The figures the GMB quotes do not include arrears from previous years, nor take into account the fact councils use different methods to report the cash collected."

"Medway is one of the largest authorities in the region and is expected to have a greater debt figure than smaller district councils."

Rural road safety drive to reduce fatal speeds

By **MARIJKE COX**

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ONCE synonymous with Sunday drivers and tractors holding up the traffic, country roads were the means of escape from the urban grind.

But new figures have revealed they are the scene of two thirds of all fatal crashes – with some motorists putting their foot down despite not knowing what's around the corner.

And as well as the tragedy of the deaths, a massive £1.6 million is spent on each fatal casualty alone, including emergency services' costs, repairing the roads and legal fees.

To warn people of the dangers, a country roads campaign has been launched by Kent Highway Services that looks to drive home the message to motorists not to take speed to the limit.

Campaigners say the main reason for such a high proportion of fatalities is the inappropriate use of speed in constantly changing driving conditions.

Cllr Nick Chard, Kent County Council cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, said even if a road sign indicates the national speed limit of 60mph, motorists should use common sense.

"On a winding country road which may have a hidden dip, it would be irresponsible to drive at 60mph," he said. "We want all



COUNTRY ROAD: But hidden dangers could be lurking around the next bend

drivers to think, 'What if?' What if there is a cyclist, horse rider or large vehicle coming towards you on the next bend?

"The conditions on country roads change all the time and it's often not safe to be trav-

elling at the limit." The campaign includes radio commercials and advertising on buses, filling station nozzles and major route planning websites.

A film showing the changing conditions and variable road widths which fall under the national speed limit has also been created.

Steve Horton, Kent Highways' road safety team leader, said: "The campaign is designed to reach everyone who drives in Kent, not just people who live in the countryside, but urban communities, too. All drivers use a country road at some point."

Kent Highways hope the campaign will make drivers realise the many hazards on rural roads, including sharp bends, concealed entrances, large vehicles and vulnerable road users.

Mr Horton said: "Speed is a key factor in all crashes. If you crash, it's because you couldn't stop in time."

"If you can't stop, you're travelling too fast for the conditions. The faster you crash, the more damage you'll do. Don't take speed to the limit, read the road, see the hazards."

He added: "We hope we can get this message out to help save lives on Kent roads."

The campaign launch took place at the Stag Community Arts Centre in Sevenoaks on Wednesday with presentations from Cllr Chard, Mr Horton and rural road crash victim Louise Wahlberg-Fick.

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Audio book brings history to life

Royal Engineers Museum uses gadget to draw in crowds

By **MARIJKE COX**

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ON DISPLAY: Hiroshima vase, a graffitied section of the Berlin Wall and the blood-stained map used by the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo



POISONED darts of Malayan tribesmen, Wellington's blood-stained map of Waterloo, and a Zulu shield are just some of the artefacts being brought to life through a new audio book.

Thirty relics spanning 1,000 years of history are the focus of the innovative project at the Royal Engineers Museum, Library and Archive, in Gillingham.

Around the World in 30 Royal Engineer Objects highlights the many countries the Gillingham-based Corps have visited through key artefacts collected on their travels.

And to encourage visitors to look at relics they may usually have missed, audio books have been created with explanations and pictures about each item, which people can take with them around the museum.

Hiroshima

Amy Adams, assistant curator, said she hopes it will draw families in over the summer holidays.

"We wanted to do something a little bit different for the summer," she said.

"It's a bit more interactive and highlights objects which visitors may have in the past not looked at. In the books a picture is brought up with a short explanation about the object. It's something we think families can do together.

"People can collect a book at reception and walk around with it. It's also good for those who may not have such good eyesight to read the plaques around the museum."

Among the 30 objects is the last surviving Brennan torpedo, a vase from Hiroshima with glass fused on its side caused by the atomic bomb in 1945, and a Zulu shield and knobkerrie club from 1879.

A Hawker Harrier, a section of the Berlin Wall and a 200-year-old model of the King's Bastion presented to King George III and kept at Buckingham Palace until 1820 are also on show.

Also held at the museum is a map used by the Duke of Wellington to deploy his army in the Battle of Waterloo, stained with the blood of Sir William de Lancey who carried it during the battle.

Miss Adams said: "There are some really interesting things to see here and we hope people will have a chance to see them all through this new project.

"We'll trial it over the summer and if it's successful we'll develop it and look at bringing it in permanently."

The Royal Engineers Museum will celebrate its 200-year anniversary in 2012 and Miss Adams said the audio book project will start the countdown.

"The library was founded in 1813 and moved to Medway in 1985," she said. "This new book is a good way of celebrating its history."

Other artefacts held at the gallery include tanks, chemical weapons, paintings, uniforms, drawings, letters and embroideries.

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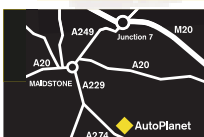
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Birds of prey numbers up, but funding fears looming

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

BIRDS OF prey like red kites and buzzards are making an extraordinary comeback in the county, but numbers of lapwings and sparrows are going down.

Previously, kites were only to be found in Wales, but they have flourished in Kent since their reintroduction.

According to a major new report, numbers are up by an estimated 6,320 per cent, but the researchers say they are unable to give actual figures.

Also up are buzzards by 772 per cent, great spotted woodpeckers by 102 per cent and red-legged partridges at 98 per cent.

But on the minus side, there are 20 species on a so-called 'red list', which means they are becoming endangered.

These include the grey partridge, down 61 per cent, the lapwing, down 33 per cent, the starling on a slump of 53 per cent, and the house sparrow dropping by 40 per cent. The turtle dove has fared the worst with a massive 69 per cent decline.

The figures are contained in the latest Breeding Bird Survey.

This is a partnership between the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), the Joint

Nature Conservation Committee, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Together they use figures from around the UK, including Kent, to measure trends for a total of 65 species.

Kate Risely, the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) organiser at the BTO, said: "It's a testament to the dedication of BBS volunteers that we are able to produce trends for over 1000 species of British birds, the

results of which are widely used to set conservation priorities."

RSPB conservation director Dr Mark Avery added: "We're very worried that government spending cuts will affect the funding of the BBS and of conservation measures that would improve the fortunes of many declining species."

"Cuts to funding will mean farmland bird numbers will remain at low levels."



IN DANGER:
Lapwing numbers have significantly dropped

Family unhappy at stabbing sentence

A **KILLER** man has been sentenced to nine years' in jail after a fatal stabbing.

Paul Fender, 44, of The Parade, Greatstone, was convicted of manslaughter at Croydon Crown Court after he stabbed Kerrin Martin, 28, in Hardy Road on November 20 last year.

He was sentenced to nine years after a request from the judge for reports as to whether he should be considered a dangerous offender.

Chief Supt Chris Hogben said: "Whilst any court result will not bring back the victim, her family are very disappointed with this verdict, having been robbed of a loving daughter and mother by the violent actions of Fender."



GUILTY: Paul Fender

Cruise from Dover to the Big Apple

NEXT year will see a cruise line operating luxury sailings between Dover and New York.

Holland America Line (HAL) has chosen Dover as its UK homeport for 2011 and will feature a number of transatlantic trips docking in the Big Apple.

Mediterranean, Scandinavian, Baltic and Norwegian cruises are also to be scheduled.

Kate O'Hara, marketing director at the Port of Dover, said: "We're thrilled HAL has cemented its commitment to the UK by choosing Dover as its homeport in 2011."

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Chas charity gig date

CHAS Hodges, of Chas 'n' Dave fame, will be performing a charity gig at Strode Park in Herne Bay.

The veteran rocker will play on Saturday, August 28, as part of Theatre in the Park.

The new date on his Rock, Rabbit & Roll tour coincides with the release of his second book, Chas and His Rock 'n' Roll Allotment, a light-hearted guide for aspiring kitchen gardeners.

Chas's performance is one of a series of events hosted throughout the summer by the Strode Park Foundation for Disabled People.

Set in an amphitheatre at Strode Park House, the theatre is run by volunteers and profits from ticket sales, raffles and refreshments are donated to the charity.

NHS parking hike

THE East Kent Hospitals Trust is to raise its parking charges. This means visitors and staff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford will have to swallow a large hike in costs.

At present drivers pay £1.70 for up to three hours, but at the start of next month they will have to pay a minimum of £2 for two hours.

Staff will see a massive hike, with permits rising from £52.92 to £178.61 in two years' time.

The NHS Foundation Trust, which is looking to make savings, says it will revue its charges every year.

There are 444 visitor spaces at the William Harvey and more than 1,100 spaces for staff.

Green light for hotel

A BRAND new 150-bedroomed hotel has been given the go-ahead to be built on the outskirts of Maidstone.

The six-storey facility, which will also have 173 car parking spaces, is to be based on the outskirts of Maidstone.

Maidstone Borough Council's planning committee granted the application as the hotel will initially serve the business market, housing a function room and other smaller meeting areas.

DJ told 'play on' while festival goers perished

A KENT DJ playing at last weekend's Love Parade where 20 music lovers died in a stampede and over 340 were hurt was told by the organisers "the show had to go on", writes Chris Murphy.

Mark Knight was on the decks at the festival in Duisburg, Germany, when the tragedy began to unfold.

Too many fans were surging through a narrow tunnel at the festival, and many were trampled as panic rapidly spread. It is claimed around 1.4 million music fans had to access the venue through the tight tunnel.

By Monday, the internet was bristling with dozens of videos shot with phones and cameras of the disaster.

Unaware

Maidstone-based DJ, Knight, told the BBC: "We first realised when we went on to the main stage to play and a lot of people were completely unaware of what had gone on. It was a very weird atmosphere."

"I would say half were aware of the magnitude of the situation and the other half were going about their business as normal."

"We were told just before we were going on to play, that the show had to go on. We cannot stop because there was a fear of repercussions and more panic, so we had to go on and play, but it was a weird and surreal situation."

He said: "The organisers were quite



CARNAGE: Bodies in the tunnel after the Love Parade festival stampede which claimed 20 revellers' lives in Duisburg, Germany, and (right) Maidstone DJ Mark Knight who was told to keep playing by event organisers fearful of more panic as the tragedy unfolded

adamant. They had been in liaison with the authorities and the stance they were taking was that we cannot make people aware too much of the situation for fear of more panic, so we had to keep playing which was odd."

Knight said he had played at the event two years ago, and added: "Normally the festival is incredible. It is very easy going and laid-back and we have never known of any trouble. It's quite unique in that respect."

He said when the full extent of the disaster became apparent to him, he said he was shocked and horrified, and added: "I was really taken aback."

"When we were on the float earlier on, we could see people trying to come on to the site. We couldn't actually make out what was going on, but we were aware and could see that something wasn't quite right."

"The fact there was only one entrance on to the whole site just didn't make sense at


all. We could see people trying to jump up over fences trying to get away from that entrance. But we were not aware of what actually was going on."

He said his gut feeling was that the entrance was too small for the number of people attending. Knight said: "It is hard to take it all in but something about it didn't see right."


Organisers of the dance music festival were so horrified by the scenes of carnage when so many lost their footing they have declared the Love Parade, which was launched in 1989, will never be staged again.

When contacted by KOS Media, Knight's spokesman Susan Kelsh from Talking Loud PR, also based in Maidstone, said: "Mark is unavailable for comment."


When asked if Mark was upset at being apparently made to play on, she refused to answer.



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Our leaders really do want the best for you

RESEARCHERS say world leaders like Barack Obama and David Cameron take on the job because they want to help people – and not because they are secretly power-crazed dictators.

New research from the University of Kent suggests many people lead because they want to help others.

Experts don't entirely rule out some are just in it for the power, but they have overturned traditional theories about leadership.

Until now, most evolutionary biologists and psychologists have considered leadership as the outcome of a competition for status in which people compete for the right to dominate and exploit others.

This hypothesis predicts leaders will be selfish and egoistic.

But now, new findings discovered by Dr Edward Cartwright from the University of Kent, along with Joris Gillet from the University of Osnabrueck and Professor Mark van Vugt at the VU University, Amsterdam, shows the difference could not be more stark.

In a paper to be published by the journal Personality and Individual Differences, the team report on experiments, run at the University of Kent, that support a radically different hypothesis.

Through experiments in two economic co-ordination games, they looked at the personality traits of people who choose to be leaders.

Their results found leaders were more likely to be rated as pro-social rather than selfish.

Moreover, those who chose to lead typically earned less money than those who chose to



POWERFUL David Cameron and Barack Obama want to help us, say scientists

follow. They seemingly sacrificed their own payoff to potentially increase the payoffs of others.

Dr Cartwright, senior lecturer at Kent's School of Economics, explained: "Our results suggest leadership is a way for people to be helpful and engender co-ordination and co-operation between others."

"This paints a much more positive view of leadership than is typical, and we were, surprised by how clear cut the results are."

And Professor Van Vugt, an honorary professor at Kent and the paper's co-author, added: "Our data supports the view that leadership emerged in human societies as a social good."

"Yet this does not mean leaders will not abuse their power once they find themselves in charge of a group – in fact many do."

"But for every Mugabe there is a Mandela and the latter is closer to the way we want our leaders to be: fair, inspiring and servant."

A flare old journey

Member of record-breaking women's crew tells of the highs and lows of epic unassisted row around Great Britain

By **MARIJKE COX**

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ON JUNE 1 four brave women entered the Thames at Tower Bridge in a 24ft rowing boat hoping to complete – and survive – a row around Great Britain.

Fifty-one days, 16 hours, 42 minutes and 2,010 treacherous miles later, the crew – slightly worse for wear – rowed under that same bridge as national heroines with a new world record.

But for 23-year-old Laura Thomasson, from Kingsdown near Dover, and her Seagals teammates Beverley Ashton, from Oxfordshire, skipper Belinda Kirk from Bristol, and paraplegic Angela Madsen from California, they took it all in their wobbly stride.

Cheering

Miss Thomasson said: "When we got to Tower Bridge I ran to the jetty and my legs were like jelly. We must have looked funny trying to walk after so long at sea, but it was brilliant seeing everyone cheering us on – rowing towards that finishing line was the most amazing feeling in the world."

"There were days at sea we believed it would never end."

The Virgin GB Row – previously known as the Anglo-American Boat Race – is a 2,010 non-stop, unassisted rowing race around Great Britain in some of the most dangerous waters in the world.

It is deemed tougher than rowing the Pacific or Atlantic, and only one other team has completed the course.

And to make the Seagals' victo-

ry even sweeter, the male team they were racing against dropped out on June 14, just two weeks after both teams set off.

Royal Navy Nurse Miss Thomasson, who was a rower and medic in the challenge, said being safely back on land was a huge relief. "The scariest thing for me was the storms at night, in the darkness, with no idea of where the storm was coming from or how long it would last," she said.

"I'd sit there waiting for the sun to come up – that's all you could do. There was one storm with force-10 winds where the side of our boat was pummelled with massive waves."

"We had to take each day at a time because we never knew what was around the corner."

"Another frightening moment was when a big ship was unable to see us and started heading in our direction."

"Angela sent up a flare and the ship narrowly missed us, but the flare gun had a strong kick-back and she broke her index finger and bones in her hand. I ended up strapping her hand to the oar."

"All of us have broken fingers and I'm worried we also have stress fractures in our hands."

"We came up against a lot of things that made us realise how big our challenge was."

"Were unlucky with the wind and there were times we would sit there, unable to go anywhere for days. It was like Groundhog Day and I found it demoralising, but it gave us a chance to recuperate."

Miss Thomasson said the bond forged with her team, who rowed in two-hour shifts, twinned with the beauty of Britain's marine life, made it that little bit easier.

"We saw huge pods of dolphins and seals popping up, minke whales and killer whales and



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FINISHING LINE: The Seagals celebrate at Tower Bridge and (back l-r) Beverly Ashton, Laura Thomasson, skipper Belinda Kirk and (front) Angela Madsen; (below) the crew at sea during their amazing 2,010 mile journey



basking sharks – it was amazing."

Days before the team arrived back at Tower Bridge, a power failure on board meant they were unable to make drinking water with their specially-designed machine.

They also began to run out of food, with the challenge taking three weeks longer than expected.

Safely back on dry land, the team celebrated their new world record as the first women to row around Great Britain.

Money raised through the row is being donated to Help for Heroes and the £45,000 cash prize will go towards funding the trip.

Phillips on the afternoon of June 17 last year.

Phillips entered the site and met with Mr Basi where he then demanded "£340k and £60k".

Phillips handed Mr Basi a scrap of paper that included his home address and telephone numbers indicating he knew where he lived with his family.

Phillips threatened that if he failed to pay, he would go to the home address with firearms and use violence against Mr Basi and his family.

Mr Ian Acheson, prosecuting, said all three men had conspired together to use Phillips as 'muscle' in making demands with menaces from Mr Basi that would leave him in fear for the safety of himself and his family and be forced to pay them either the £400,000 in total or at least the £60,000 deemed to be the cost of the adjudication.

against the victim and his family."

"These men were prepared to go to great lengths in order to obtain a large sum of money they believed they were entitled to."

Maidstone Crown Court heard how Bhana lost an adjudication against Mr Basi for the £340,000 he claimed to be owed, and was ordered to pay £60,000 costs.

In attempting to get the money back, Bhana enlisted the help of Ellahi in tracking down a debt collector.

Ellahi in turn contacted Bhalla, who put him in touch with Phillips – a former bodybuilder nicknamed 'Mad Jack' and 'Rambo' – who had a scar running from his eye down to his mouth and claimed to work for the IRA.

The court heard how Bhalla drove his blue BMW to the KKB site with

Blackmailer used 'Mad Jack' on rival

A BLACKMAILER who sent a loan shark nicknamed 'Mad Jack' to collect £400,000 from a rival businessman has been warned he faces prison.

Lakhbir Bhana, 41, from Gravesend, says he was owed the cash for work his construction company, Dyneema, carried out on behalf of the Medway-based KKB Haulage firm, run by Colin Basi.

Bhana was found guilty of conspiracy to blackmail this week following a two-and-a-half-week trial, and will be sentenced in September.

Also facing prison are Surjit Bhalla, 29, from Staines; Ajmal Ellahi, 34, from Birmingham; and John Phillips, 49, from Reading; who were all involved in the plot.

Det Sgt Gary Scarfe said: "This was an attempt to blackmail a businessman using threats of extreme violence

Free castle concerts

FREE summer concerts are set to take place in the grounds of Tonbridge Castle.

The Sunday afternoon entertainment will be performed by amateur and professional bands throughout August between 3-5pm.

Organiser Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council said there was no need to book tickets and people can just turn up on the day to enjoy the music.

Cllr Maria Heslop said: "Anyone who fancies a lazy Sunday afternoon relaxing in the beautiful setting of the castle lawn while listening to some great band classics will enjoy these concerts."

This Sunday (August 1) the East Peckham Silver Band will perform, followed by Nick Weller's Big Band next week (August 8), Gambit Jazzmen on August 15, the Second Wind on August 22, and the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band on August 29.

Beware fake callers

HEALTH chiefs in the county are warning people to be wary of bogus callers who claim they can provide cut price medication.

The warning comes after a patient received a visit from a firm claiming to be a medical support service. They householder was told they could save money on prescription drugs and receive help with domestic chores.

The company turned out to be fake.

An NHS spokesman said: "A GP practice would not pass any personal patient data to a third party without getting written consent from the patient."

"The public are warned not to give out personal information or buy any goods and services from companies they are unsure about."

Gong for lifeboat crew

A LIFEBOAT crew has received recognition for its dramatic rescue of a troubled yacht.

The Whitstable Atlantic 75 will be given the Walter and Elizabeth Groombridge Award to mark the crew's performance on Friday, September 4 last year.

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'My ship's company has shown piracy can be tackled'

Commander Simon Huntington, HMS Chatham



ON PATROL: HMS Chatham in the transit corridor off the Gulf of Aden

THE threat of piracy looms large over the Indian Ocean, but HMS Chatham has shown how it can be kept at bay.

With our deployment nearing its end, my ship's company can reflect on hard work done with international partners to improve security for merchant ships.

For months our frigate was a Nato task-force flagship, at the forefront of intercepting Somali pirates notorious for risking death in large-scale acts of treasure-hunting. The monsoon season has recently offered a measure of protection to vessels passing from the Indian Ocean through to the Suez Canal, but that was not the case earlier this year.

Our ship was on constant alert for the small dhows and skiffs which carry pirates hungry for rewards many times higher than they can earn on land.

First and foremost, the Royal Navy has a duty to ensure the high seas are peaceful and safe, supporting the legitimate activity that is essential to our future as an island nation – our livelihoods depend upon the sea.

The shipping that we worked to protect is vital to our energy needs, our economy, employment and the supply of everyday items that are freighted around the world to be sold in the British high street.

Threatened

As a warship working for Nato's Ocean Shield, the counter-piracy operation in the region, we did not have to wait long to see evidence of how that can be threatened.

In the Gulf of Aden one of our duties was to patrol the international transit corridor with our partner nations, providing a screen for civilian shipping. There we spotted a small boat with seven Somali pirates on board. The piracy we were dealing with bears no resemblance to the romantic impressions people may have of swashbuckling pirates.

HMS Chatham worked to combat acts of violent crime conducted indiscriminately on the high seas. These pirates were carrying weapons and ammunition, boarding ladders and fuel to take would-be hostages back to Somalia. Instead we were able to react quickly, board quickly and ensure the pirates headed home empty-handed. In every case

HMS Chatham's Commander **SIMON HUNTINGTON**, pictured above, explains how his ship has been helping tackle the growing threat from pirates in the Indian Ocean. HMS Chatham is the seventh Royal Navy ship to bear the name and maintains a close affiliation with Medway – many of the crew hail from Kent. The ship makes regular visits to Chatham and its next visit is being planned now its work fighting piracy is coming to an end. HMS Chatham has the rare honour of having an English motto, subsequently translated into Latin. Shortly before completion of the ship, it was decided the traditional cry of 'Up and At 'Em,' familiar from rugby and football pitch touchlines in Medway, would be a fitting tribute. From this phrase, translated into Latin, the ship's motto is 'Surge et Vince' or 'Arise and Conquer'.

pirates are using violence or the threat of violence in an attempt to force their way onto their target vessel and then to overpower and subdue the crew.

It is a very real and serious concern for all seafarers in the region, and none are completely safe from attack. Sometimes pirates have attacked warships at night, mistaking them for unarmed merchant boats.

While there are risks in dealing with Somali pirates, who are unpredictable and violent in their methods, the real danger is faced by the innocent merchant seamen who work in these waters.

The Royal Navy has a long tradition of combating piracy and we are carefully trained and well equipped to deal with the threat. One of our most satisfying results came in a hectic period for the five ships making up the NATO taskforce.

We were involved in rescuing the crew of an Indian-flagged vessel, being held hostage by pirates, while international partners had their own breakthroughs. Deep in the Indian Ocean the Greek warship HS Limnos saw action against three pirate groups in as many days, working with patrol aircraft from Luxembourg and Sweden to take 30 pirates out of circulation.

In the Gulf of Aden, Turkish frigate TCG Gelibolu rushed to help a Danish flagged chemical carrier that was being attacked by pirates armed with AK-47 assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs). Again the threat was repelled.

American warship USS Cole patrolled the transit corridor and Italian frigate ITS Scirocco forced pirates to abandon a hijacked Iranian dhow which was being used as a mother ship from which smaller craft could

be launched. We spent three days shadowing the Indian dhow Vishvakalyan to the east of the Gulf of Aden. She had been seized for use as a mother ship, for the purpose of capturing one of the large, valuable container ships heading through the region.

The pirates were armed with AK-47s and RPGs, but the constant pressure of being followed by a warship told and the pirates fled, leaving her crew unharmed.

Of course, Nato's efforts to tackle the threat of piracy do not stand alone. They are supported by Operation Atalanta – the EU's Naval Force Somalia.

Protection

Atalanta has followed United Nations resolutions since December in working to protect World Food Programme and humanitarian aid deliveries, to help deter and repress armed robbery and monitor fishing activity off the Somali coast.

It features units from across Europe, including support from France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Away from piracy we have had the chance to offer help to seafarers facing less malicious peril.

Early in our deployment we saw 21 Yemeni fishermen more than 80 miles adrift from land in the transit corridor. Their vessel was out of fuel and, after we had sent our Royal Marines boarding team to investigate, we were able to help them get home.

At the end of our time in the region we were again called into action to rescue 23 seamen from a merchant vessel, the MV Dubai Moon, which fell into severe difficulties in a tropical cyclone.

On that occasion, our Fleet Air Arm crew worked tirelessly to winch the crew to

safety before the merchant ship sank.

There has been time, too, to extend the friendly face of the Royal Navy, by inviting children from an orphanage in the Seychelles for a guided tour of our frigate. On the diplomatic front, we welcomed foreign guests during a brief stop at the Tanzanian port of Dar Es Salaam.

At the beginning of this month we handed over our duty as Nato flagship to the Dutch warship HNLMS De Zeven Provinciën, and wished them luck. While Somalia is a failing state piracy will continue to pose a threat, and it is up to the international community to do its best to stand up to it.

We now look forward to our return to Devonport, where my hard-working ship's company will see loved ones again. I am particularly excited – I will see my son, William, for the first time since he was born.

Chandlers still held hostage

RETIRED couple Paul and Rachel Chandler have been held captive by Somali pirates since October, last year.

They were kidnapped while sailing in the Indian Ocean, after taking early retirement and renting out their flat in Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, to pursue their dream of sailing the world.

The couple had been heading from the Seychelles to Tanzania aboard their yacht the Lynn Rival when seized at gunpoint.

Their captors demanded a ransom of £4.4 million, but this figure has been reportedly reduced to £1m.

Mr Chandler, 60 and his wife, 56, have spent four months in solitary confinement by armed gangs in remote villages in eastern Somalia.

Mr Chandler, a retired quantity surveyor and his wife, a former economist, were kept apart for their 29th wedding anniversary.



ORDEAL: Paul and Rachel Chandler

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LETTERS

LETTER OF THE WEEK

KPA response was effective

I am writing to respond on behalf of Kent Police Authority to Mr Amor's letter printed last weekend, headlined 'Managing to do very little'.

I start from the premise of absolutely supporting the right of any individual to seek the very best from public services there to serve local communities. However, Mr Amor's version of events does not accord with either my recollection or the correspondence held on file.

As chief executive, I did respond on the chairwoman's behalf while she was away from the office – I see little unusual or contentious in that. I did provide Mr Amor with detailed advice on how to make a complaint and seek redress from the police, as I am obliged to do.

The authority is not in a position to investigate complaints against individual officers below the rank of chief officer. Incidentally, nor will the Government's planned policing and crime commissioners, if my reading of this week's proposals is correct.

I wrote to, or emailed, Mr Amor on at least four more occasions and I made an appointment to speak in person with the chairman of his parish council to better understand local concerns. All of this was relayed back to those charged with responsibility for policing the area – the chief superintendent and district chief inspector to act upon.

Indeed, at one point one of Mr Amor's emails expresses thanks for a 'helpful response'.

Among the members of the KPA there will be some disappointment if the standard of response has fallen below expectations and there remains a willingness to help address any outstanding problems, but I am absolutely confident that the authority response was both professional and effective. I should also state that we strive to offer a similar response to all those who contact and make representations to the KPA and we will continue to do so during the transition to any new systems of governance and accountability for policing.

Mark Gilmartin, chief executive, Kent Police Authority

They should work for free

I listened to the interview with KPA chairwoman Ann Barnes on BBC Radio Kent. She says her board is made up of "experts" – 17 in all. I bet not one of them is long-term unemployed or living in social housing. Compare that with Mrs Barnes' notion that the members are a "broad spectrum of society".

How much is spent on expenses, tea, coffee, juice and sandwiches per year during the meetings for these board members? The room to accommodate them, parking costs and travel allowances all add to the bill. Do we know how much that costs? Mrs Barnes is adamant there will be no cost saving by going to a single commissioner for monitoring the

OPINION: A PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Kent Police Authority chair **ANN BARNES** says the coalition government's headlong rush towards US-style police commissioners is ill conceived and badly timed

WHILE there are areas for improvement in our policing arrangements, I'm extremely sceptical that USA-style elected commissioners and an FBI-esque National Crime Agency are the answer to our problems.

The US is different to the UK and not everything from across the Atlantic can be imported. Now is not the time to experiment with untried, untested and uncosted structures. The Local Government Association summarised it thus: "We have to ask if this is the right time to change structures through additional elections which could cost the same as 700 police officers."

The Government is moving with indecent haste. On Monday, it published 'Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting Police and the People'. As far as commitments in the coalition agreement are concerned, the Government is not consulting on whether they should happen, but how best they can be implemented. I admire the Government's resolve and sense of purpose, but there's a whole range of alternative models and reforms that ought to be considered and debated.

LGA colleagues have some interesting suggestions, and while I may not agree with them on every detail, they have a credible and legitimate argument. The Government hasn't made the case for commissioners. I watched the leaders' debates during the election and there wasn't one mention of directly elected commissioners – not one.

I understand the Government's desire to get on with introducing radical change, but it has a higher duty to govern wisely and well. Occasionally that may take longer, but will reap benefits in the long run. Who wants to be associated with a disastrous policy, hastily conceived and poorly implemented? There should be a wide-ranging and thorough assessment before embarking on any reform. Policing involves the State-legitimised use of force and it's essential the Government gets it right. I'm the serving chair of a police authority

and, yes, facing abolition, but that isn't why I'm speaking out. It's because I care about policing.

I've been privileged to serve on Kent Police Authority for almost 10 years and during my five years as chair we have:

- Rolled out neighbourhood policing.
- Reduced crime by more than 30 per cent.
- Improved detections to near-record levels.
- Achieved all this and more while having one of the lowest levels of police council tax.

That's a good track record and a legacy I want to protect. Those improvements have been led by a police authority of 17 members, made up of elected councillors and local people, appointed through a competitive selection process.

Our successes are in no small way attributable to these complementary skill sets and the tendency to leave party politics outside and concentrate on delivering the best possible policing. All powers ascribed to the commissioner now sit with police authorities and in Kent we have shown they can be effective.

The Government's problem is this: it is committed to introducing commissioners but doesn't know how it will work in practice or fit with policing as a whole. There's too little substance in its proposals, so many gaps, that the case for taking time to evaluate the options is overwhelming. The Government's rush to reorganise policing and ill-thought-through structural reform is foolish. Especially when the police service is wrestling with the biggest financial crisis in living memory.

The scale and scope of the proposed change will act as a distraction as the police look to drive through savings on an unprecedented scale while maintaining, and where possible improving, the service to the public. The Government's proposed course of action, quite simply, doesn't serve the best interests of local communities.

My plea to ministers is to pause for a moment. Let's reflect on the importance of policing reform, weigh the options, consult meaningfully and make every effort to get this right. Rapidly enacting reform and change isn't an end in itself.

The prize is police reform that's sustainable, sits comfortably with our British model of policing and serves the community.



police. Nonsense. One paid member against 17? I say cut the nonsense newsletter from Kent Police telling me how wonderful a job they're doing. It's their job, isn't it, policing Kent?

Cut the over-policing at protest marches, when officers from all over descend on our county, all on overtime, hotel and travel expenses, etc.

Cut the over-policing at football matches. Cut the over-policing at crime scenes, when six officers call to a single incident. Make the complaints procedure fair, unbiased, open and above reproach, through commissioners or civic-minded (unpaid) members, not over-paid ex-police officers investigating complaints against serving officers.

Perhaps Mrs Barnes could advise of one single proposal or policy change she implemented that has improved the community during her tenure at KPA.

A single commissioner for Kent Police should not be paid more than £70,000 a year. There are KPA members who are also

county councillors. Why are we not told how much they earn, and how much we pay in allowances and expenses?

Mrs Barnes says we need these members as they are concerned about the community and their civic duty. Do they need paying for that part-time civic job?

Why do they not carry out their civic duty for free, with only travel allowances? Mrs Barnes says changes to the KPA may attract the wrong characters. It doesn't with school governors, so why would it at the KPA? I say do it for free if you are such a moral, civic person. Take away the expenses and allowances and I wonder how many of these experts would carry on doing their civic duty, as many school governors do? Mrs Barnes is naive to suggest it may attract the wrong people with agendas.

We all have an agenda. In my case, as a school governor, it's to improve the school. In the case of some councillors and politicians, it's more to do with power or kudos. I suspect real

civic-minded individuals would do it for free. If not, we could fill the vacant places with the unemployed, who would be more reflective of today's hard-up public. We hear "cut, cut" from politicians, as they pass the chocolate biscuits at yet another meeting, while putting in their expenses claims.

Ken Little, by email

Big Society's a grand illusion

Prime Minister David Cameron's Big Society idea will be disastrous for Kent and will contribute to pushing unemployment higher.

Government announcements this week and in the emergency Budget will lead to soaring unemployment and job-cutting privatisation. The Big Society will lead to greater inequality. Mr Cameron's idea that people should be setting up charities and social enterprise companies to run services that should be provided by the State will mean poorer services in all areas. What happens where there are shortages



Alternative future on political cards

NEXT year every voter will have a say on whether our age-old first-past-the-post (FPTP) system is abolished in favour of alternative vote (AV).

For simplicity, the old method is way ahead of AV, where the person with the most votes wins outright and immediately.

But in terms of fairness it can be argued FPTP creates wasted votes where even if a parliamentary hopeful gets, for example, just five votes fewer than the victor, they are immediately rejected.

Under AV, voters list candidates in order of preference, with anyone receiving more than half elected as MP. If no-one secures 50 per cent, the person with the fewest votes is eliminated and their votes reallocated, meaning all the votes get used.

Had AV been used in May's general elections, Kent's results could have been very different. In Maidstone and Weald, Tory Helen Grant secured 23,491 votes, earning her a seat in the Commons.

But close behind was Lib Dem Peter Carroll, with 17,602. Add that figure to the votes polled by other parties and the total would have far exceeded Mrs Grant's.

Had these been reallocated, who knows who would have come out on top. And even if it had still been Mrs Grant, many would argue it was a fairer way of getting the same result.

If there is electoral reform and AV put in place of FPTP, Kent's future political map may not look so blue after all.

North Downs – the new Hollywood hills

KENT is to become Britain's answer to Hollywood after a law was passed this week allowing the closure of roads to make way for film crews and superstars.

We soon could be immersed in celebrity culture where there is every chance of bumping into Brad and Angelina at the corner shop. Just make sure you remember to act blasé – we don't want screaming fans chasing them away.

of volunteers? With Kent and Medway unemployment twice as high as two years ago, we need jobs.

We need to tax fairly and close tax havens, actions which if taken would generate more resources and prevent spending cuts and job losses. Two years ago 56 post offices were closed across the county. Now Mr Cameron wants unemployed people to reopen them, with little help from Government. This is at a time when start-up capital for new enterprises is very difficult to obtain. More recently, cuts in the police force have seen the loss of 200 training places. These are essential jobs, but is the Government suggesting that these should be covered by volunteers?

Areas that are already deprived will simply not be able to take on the role of the State. The funding won't be there and we will see further inequality. The Big Society is simply an alibi for privatisation and a refusal to provide fair and equitable distribution of essential services.

Simon Marchant, Kent Green Party, Gillingham

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

ATKINS

Nathan, Amanda and big brother Freddie would like to celebrate the birth of Roisin Ella Atkins born 20th July 2010.

CUNLIFFE / MACLEAN

Hayley Maclean and Steve Cunliffe celebrate the birth of their son Woody Paul Williams Cunliffe on 7th July 2010, weighing 8lb 7oz.

JACKSON

Keira Olivia Jackson born on the 20th July 2010, weighing 8lb 3oz. Daughter to Tracy and Gary, sister to Rory in Maidstone.

JONES

Marcus and Kristie from Folkestone would like to celebrate their new arrival Sky-Louise, weighing 7lb 1oz. Mummy and Daddy's Princess with all our love XX.

KING

Matt and Jenny King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter, Aimee Ella King, on 9th July 2010.

KROVINA

Jack James born on 13th July 2010 weighing 6lb 15oz. Beautiful son to James and Abbie.

SAUNDERS

Summer-Mai born on 17th July 2010, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Kira and Darren in Dover. Little sister for Surannah and Taigan.

SMITH

Andre James Smith born on 11th July 2010, weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Ashley and Kelly in Maidstone and brother to Marshal.

WEBSTER

Emilia Meredith Rose born on 14th July, 2010, weighing 8lb 14oz. Daughter to Matthew and Sarah, sister to Louisa.

DEATHS

AMBRIDGE

Ray Ambridge passed away on 12th July 2010 at home after a short illness. For funeral details contact

Farriers of Dover, no flowers but donations may be made to Cancer Research UK.

CARTER

Derek Carter passed away peacefully on 19th July 2010 aged 66 years. Beloved father to David, Ruth and Paul and father-in-law to James and Nancy. Funeral service to take place on Tuesday 10th August 2010 at St Johns Church, Gravesend, at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations can be made by cheque payable to Gravesend MS Society. He will be sadly missed.

GUTTRIDGE

In loving memory of Dad Michael Guttridge, who passed away on 21st July 2010 at Margate Hospital. Sadly missed by Blaine and family.

HOOPER

Esme Vera Hooper passed away on 21st July 2010, aged 78. Loving mother of Jennifer and grand-

mother to Laura. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on Wednesday 4th August at 10:15. Family flowers only, donations may be made to The Heart of Kent Hospice, Aylesford.

HUTCHINGS

Steve (Eric), passed away 22nd July 2010 at Thanet Pilgrims Hospice. Much loved, he will be sorely missed by his wife, family and friends. All further enquiries to CW Lyons 01227 463508.

KEMP

Derren Richard Kemp died peacefully on the 13th July 2010 aged 32. A beloved son to Graham and Barbara, brother to Kristjen, Dominic and Hannah. He will be sadly missed by all. The funeral will be held at St Mildred's Church, Preston, at 1.45pm on the 5th August followed by a cremation at Barham. All Welcome. You will be in our thoughts always.

know now, they never will. They had Christians arrested for distributing leaflets, a man in jail for two days for revving his car at immigrants, while cancer sufferers were told they were going to die because their treatment would not be paid for.

Just a few examples of the Labour madness that drove us to distraction. Now we see Lord Mandelson and his friends in a race to justify their actions and actually admitting all the things Mandelson said at the time were just media tittle-tattle.

Now we hear the political pygmies and lick-spittles fighting to lead the party, who backed Gordon Brown, the invasion of Iraq and mass immigration, who told us we were all wrong on these issues, didn't really support them.

How could any sane person ever trust them to speak the truth or do the right thing?

Phil Granger West Malling

History is not on Cameron's side

What an insult David Cameron is to this country, saying we were the junior partner in World War Two.

The United States would never have come into the war had it not been for Pearl Harbor, as they were making far too much money from us selling ships and equipment. When are we going to get a main party that actually asks the people what it is they should be doing instead of asking the EU?

Opinion polls show that we want to get out of Europe, get rid of human rights legislation, stop all immigration and clear out the illegals, stop all benefits for people creeping into this country without permission, ban the burka and many other things that have been forced upon us. Look what we have ended up with this time. Instead of of Blair and Brown we have Pinky and Perky. As to which is which - there isn't much difference.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Put your donation in the right bag

I am writing to encourage your readers to be vigilant when making doorstep donations of second-hand goods to their chosen charity because they could be lining the pockets of third party organisations working for commercial gain, not the charity.

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has seen a 25 per cent drop in household collections due to this commercial activity which will cost us £3 million in the next year - money which could be spent in the fight against heart disease. I'd like to highlight that all of the profits made from donations to the BHF stay with the charity because we haven't formed a partnership with these third party organisations.

These profits help us to continue our life-saving work, whereas as little as five per cent goes to charities who use a third party to collect on their behalf.

The BHF has launched a nationwide campaign because we believe it's only right that householders are given clear information from collectors about where the proceeds of their goods are going so they can make an informed choice. To find out more or to locate your nearest BHF Shop call 0844 412 5000 or visit bhf.org.uk/rightbag.

Mike Lucas, retail director, BHF

False economy to cut care services

At Parkinson's UK, we campaign to make sure people living with Parkinson's disease are treated fairly, with access to the support they need. However, too many people affected by the condition are missing out on key services, depending on where they live.

Essential services like specialist nurses, therapists and respite care save money and make a huge difference to quality of life for people with Parkinson's. It's a false economy to cut services that help people stay independent and keep them out of hospital and care homes.

National guidelines set out the services that people with Parkinson's should be getting. But the level of support and care they receive is still largely dependent upon the area in which they live.

That is why we are calling on the people of Kent to sign our Petition for Fair Care, to ask the Government and decision-makers to protect services and make sure people with Parkinson's get quality care that meets national standards - wherever they live.

For more information on how to get involved and sign the petition go to www.parkinsons.org.uk/faircarepetition or call 020 7932 1325.

Jane Redshaw, South East manager, Parkinson's UK

Meat-free meals offer slim chance

A major study published recently suggests that eating meat leads to weight gain. Researchers studied more than 300,000 participants and found that those who ate about two servings of meat per day gained more weight year by year than people who ate less meat or none at all.

The UK has one of the highest rates of obesity in Europe, which is predominantly due to diets high in fat, salt and sugar.

Animal products are loaded with saturated fats and - as fat contains more than twice as many calories, weight-for-weight, as protein or carbohydrate - eating a meaty diet makes it easier to take in more calories than the body can burn. Cutting out meat is an easy, tasty and healthy way to lose a few pounds.

Contact Animal Aid for a free guide to meat-free meals, including recipes and nutritional information (www.animalaid.org.uk; telephone 01732 364546).

Kelly Slade, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Quick word about talking to father

The Children's Society recently revealed that children who have a regular chat with their father about the things that matter most are generally happier. In other words, the quality of children's relationships with their fathers has a significant impact on their well-being.

But in a country where almost half (46 per cent) of young people hardly ever talk to their fathers about important things and 28 per cent of children completely lose contact with their fathers within three years after separation, how can we help promote positive father-child relationships?

The Children's Society is gathering evidence from a range of children, professionals and the public, to fully understand the role fathers play and to help improve children's lives. We are looking for your dads, mums, carers or any family member to take part in one of the biggest investigations of its kind. Five minutes can make a massive difference.

You can submit your views online at childrenssociety.org.uk/fatherhood.

Bob Reitemeier, chief executive, The Children's Society

Choose freedom in shopping basket

As this week is Farm Animal Week - run by the RSPCA's Freedom Food scheme - I urge your readers to spare a thought for the more than 900 million animals farmed for our food in the UK.

Most people would be shocked to know the majority of these animals are kept in conditions which the RSPCA finds unacceptable, but it's so easy to help improve their lives simply through what you choose to buy.

That's why Freedom Food is asking everyone this week to make an extra effort to switch one item in their shopping basket for a higher welfare labelled product such as Freedom Food or free range. If more consumers choose higher welfare products, more animals will be reared to better standards.

To find out how animals are kept under the RSPCA's Freedom Food scheme visit freedomfood.co.uk/farmanimalweek.

Sally Bruce, RSPCA regional manager

Exchange can get UK moving again

The findings of a new report confirm that the ability of social housing tenants to move properties within the sector has declined markedly over the last decade.

The report also uncovers significant and unexpected costs to the economy of social housing tenants who want to move home but are unable to - an estimated £542 million every year.

From being unable to take up work, look after elderly relatives or escape from overcrowded properties, the inability of social housing residents to move has profound social and economic implications. The report, commissioned by Circle Anglia, estimates 495,000 of the UK's 3.9 million social households want to move but are unable to do so. Yet, in this time of public spending cuts a low-cost solution is available. The creation of a national house exchange programme for social housing tenants that all landlords are obliged to sign up to - building on the existing scheme run by our not-for-profit House Exchange service - would be inexpensive to manage.

What's more, it has the potential to open up a nationwide market for people in social housing to swap properties, with the implied economic and social benefits that brings. It's a simple idea that will go some way to alleviating a complex and costly problem.

David Williams, executive director of strategy and new business, Circle Anglia Group

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An instinctive need for man to hunt

The hunting ban, let's keep it - or so say the minority, as represented by Brian Lamb and Michael Nightingale (Letters, last week).

Let's get the facts right, shall we? There are more than 60 million people in this nation, yet only a few thousand are members of the League Against Cruel Sports and their ilk - and many of those don't have a clue about cruelty or hunting. I'm sure they don't realise that survival - man's first instinct - is built into the human race. Survival incorporates the means to hunt which in turn provides life, without it there would be no human race. They ignore facts because it fits their ambitions, yet also ignore that fox attacks on people and homes are more common than reported.

There is no difference from hunting foxes with dogs than chickens being hunted by foxes. At least the fox has a chance. All hunting and firearms laws - even the Wildlife and Countryside Act - must be re-designed. Especially as they place birds, bees, foxes and even fauna above human rights - not least the right to hunt and sporting rights.

The hunting ban must have cost millions in lost earnings.

Derek R Packham, Deal

Let me enlighten you, Mr Miliband

So senior Labour politicians are determined to work out what went wrong and Ed Miliband is knocking on doors to find how his party can regain our support.

After 13 years in power, it's a little late to solicit the views of the voters - if they don't

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

















































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





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Cricket academy aims for stars of the future

A CRICKET academy has been established at North West Kent College to help coach the potential stars of the future.

The academy, which will run alongside the college's existing football academy, is believed to be the first in the South East that is affiliated with a further education centre.

Having already received the support of the England and Wales Cricket Board and the Kent Cricket Board, staff are now also seeking endorsements from the Surrey and Middlesex boards as well as Marylebone Cricket Club.

Programme leader Daniel Cotton revealed that the academy will be attached to a new

BTEC extended diploma in sports performance and excellence. He said: "Over the last two years our football academy has seen outstanding success and this model has been taken with our proposed cricket academy."

"We are very fortunate to be in the process of installing state-of-the-art outdoor cricket facilities and equally our new sports centre complex is on track to be completed in 2011."

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Access course helps to drum up law degree

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A DRUMMER who has performed with the likes of Anastasia and The Cure is swapping a career on stage for an entirely different one in the courts.

Louis Pavlou, 37, from Rochester, dropped out of school to pursue a career as a rock star, but is now giving up the sticks so he can study for a degree in law at the University of Kent.

The talented musician has spent the last year working on an Access course at MidKent College, which gives people without the necessary qualifications a fast-track route into higher education.

He said: "When I was 18 I had very stringent ideas about what I wanted to do with my life, so I couldn't see much point in going to uni. That kind of arrogance works in the music industry when you're in your 20s, but when you get to your 30s you begin to realise a degree might actually come in handy."

Mr Pavlou established a successful career as a session drummer in the late 1990s and early 2000s but says he was hit hard by the advent of music downloads.

"The industry just died," he added. "I started to realise that if I wanted to continue producing music and playing in a band, I needed another career to back it up."

"I thought about retaking A-levels over the course of two years but then I discovered Access, which allows you entry to uni after just one year."

"The Access course at MidKent College has been a great experience for me – challenging in some ways and absolutely fulfilling in others. It's also helped me to realise that the way I think and communicate would be ideal for a career in law."

"I'd never considered training to become a



BIG HIT: Louis snares an Access certificate

barrister before so I'm indebted to Access for helping me decide what direction the rest of my life will take."

Late last month, Mr Pavlou joined more than 100 other students who collected their Access certificates at an awards ceremony held at the Corn Exchange in Rochester.

MidKent College principal Stephen Grix said: "Access students tend to have a low level of self-confidence and we see that transformed at the college over the course of their year with us."

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To apply or for further information, please call Peta Budd or Julia Hall on 0208 308 6812/6813. Alternatively you can email humanresources@scmf.co.uk or visit our website www.scmf.co.uk for an application form.

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Enhanced CRB check will be sought for
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Application packs will be sent to those leaving
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Closing date - Monday 16th August 2010

The Westlands School



Teaching Assistant Required for September 2010

To work at **The Westlands Primary School,
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Applicants should have the necessary skills to support
pupils who have various learning difficulties in mainstream
classes, in small groups or on an individual basis.

27 hours a week, term time only.

Kent Pay Band 2/3 £12,903 - £15,984 (pro rata)
(equal to £7,765 - £9,619 depending on experience)

You are welcome to contact the school for a preliminary
discussion if desired. Recruitment packs are available from
the school or online.

Closing date, Friday 20 August 2010

The Westlands School is committed to safeguarding and
promoting the welfare of children and young people and
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Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF
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Executive Headteacher:

J Whitcombe MA



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PART-TIME KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Required from late September 2010. Duties will include distribution of
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This is an average of 15.75 hours per week and is term time only.

The salary is at Kent Scheme Band 2 points 4 to 7 which is £4529 to £4949 per year (£6.69
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If you are interested in applying for this post please phone (01843 863421), e-mail (finance@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk) or write to Mrs Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, Kent,
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For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'.
Alternatively contact the HR office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or
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Closing date: **Friday 6 August 2010**
Interview Dates: **Thursday 12 August / Friday 13 August 2010**

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St. John's Infant School is committed to safeguarding young people. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. Applications will only be accepted by application form and supporting letter.

References will be taken up before interviews, to be held during the week beginning 27th September. For an application pack, please contact: Susan Bowers, HR Services, Schools, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham. Kent ME4 4TR Tel: (01634) 331100 email susan.bowers@medway.gov.uk

For website ads, insert links to: Information about our school, Job Description, Person Specification, Application Form, OFSTED 2009 and SIAS 2009

Starting date: 1st January 2011
Closing date for applications: 1pm Friday 17th September







The Westlands School

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Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form. Closing date, Friday 27 August 2010

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Headteacher: J Whitcombe MA





The Westlands School

Site Maintenance Technician/Caretaker

Required for September 2010
To work at The Westlands Primary School, Homewood Avenue
37 hours a week from 6:00am - 2:00pm Mondays-Friday
Kent Pay Band 3 - £14,099-£15,984

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You are welcome to contact the school for a preliminary discussion if desired. Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Closing date, Monday 9th August 2010

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Salary: c40K per annum
Medway

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CLOSING DATE: Friday 20 August 2010

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD THE WEEK COMMENCING 30 AUGUST 2010

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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

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Ref: P0154

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CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 4 August 2010

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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

BROOKFIELD ROAD & LEACON ROAD, ASHFORD (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of junction modifications and improvements, the Kent County Council has made an order restricting traffic on Brookfield Road and Leacon Road, Ashford to a temporary mandatory speed limit of 20 mph, when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

This takes effect on or after 2 August 2010 for up to 5 months or until the works have been completed.

The sections of road affected are as follows:

B2229 Brookfield Road from the roundabout junction with the A28 Chart Road south-eastwards to the existing 30 mph / 40 mph signs

Leacon Road from the junction with Brookfield Road extending north-eastwards for a distance of 65 metres past the 30 mph / 40 mph signs, and extending into Beaver Lane for a distance of approximately 17 metres

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

ORCHARD STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of BT works to repair a manhole, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Orchard Street, Canterbury on or after 2 August 2010 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with St Dunstan's Street and Church Street.

The alternative route is via St Dunstan's Street, London Road, St Dunstan's Terrace and Orchard Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Herne Bay from 2 August 2010 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads will each be closed at their junctions with Sea Street, as shown on the Schedule below.

Sandown Drive - from 2 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks
Alternative route via Sea Street, Albany Drive and The Circus.

Bognor Drive - from 16 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks
Alternative route via Sea Street and Fleetwood Avenue.

St Anne's Drive - from 30 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks
Alternative route via Sea Street and Fleetwood Avenue.

Cobblers Bridge Road - from 13 September 2010 for up to 4 weeks
Alternative route via Fleetwood Avenue and Cross Street.

Central Avenue *south bound only* from the junction with Carlton Hill (N.B. it will become one-way from the Sea Street roundabout to Carlton Hill) - from 13 September 2010 for up to 4 weeks
Alternative route via Grand Drive, Cliff Drive and Carlton Hill.

WRENTHAM AVENUE, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of water main replacement, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting through traffic on Wrentham Avenue, Herne Bay from 2 August 2010 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the south east corner of the road, between property numbers 34 and 55.

The alternative route for property numbers 1-53 and 2-34 is via Wrentham Avenue, and for the remainder via Blackburn Road and Wrentham Avenue.

CHESTFIELD ROAD, CHESTFIELD & MILLSTROOD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Chestfield Road, Chestfield and Millstrood Road, Whitstable starting from 16 August 2010 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Chestfield Road, Chestfield will be closed from 16 August 2010 for a period of up to 5 days.

The road will be closed in rolling sections from A2990 Thanet Way Roundabout to the junction with South Street at Radfall Corner, as signed on site.

The alternative route is via A2990 Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

The various side roads leading from Chestfield Road will be closed at their junctions with Chestfield Road, as the works progress. These will be signposted on site, with local diversions set up.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

Millstrood Road, Whitstable will be closed from 22 August 2010 for up to 4 days.

The road will be closed in rolling sections between the A2990 Thanet Way and Belmont Road, as signed on site. The alternative route is via A2990 Thanet Way, Church Street, Church Road, The Bridge Approach and Old Bridge Road.

The side roads leading from Millstrood Road will be closed at their junctions with Millstrood Road as signposted on site, with local diversions set up.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces;

1. no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places on the following roads or lengths of road-

Salisbury Road	Watling Street	Pembroke Place
Devon Road	Main Road	Knockhall Chase, Swanscombe
The Crescent, Swanscombe	Watermill Way	

The Order was sealed on 26 July 2010 and will come into force 2 August 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

A226 THAMES WAY AND A2260 DARTFORD (24 HOUR CLEARWAY) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Order under sections 1(i), 2(i) and 4(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce a clearway Order to the roads or following lengths of road:-

- (a) A266 Thames Way from the roundabout junction with Stonebridge Road and Grove Road, south west and south east to the junction with B262 Springhead Road. TQ 612747 TO TQ 622 734
- (b) A2260 from the junction with A226 Thames Way south west, south and south east to the junction with the on slip road west of Ebbsfleet Junction C roundabout and to the junction with the off slip road east of Ebbsfleet Junction B. TQ 617737 TO TQ 614 729

The Order was sealed on 26 July 2010 and will come into force 2 August 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

ST CLEMENTS WAY, SWANSCOMBE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on St Clements Way, Swanscombe from its junction with the roundabout at the top of the A2 off-slip to the junction with A226 London Road. (Road will only be closed in one direction at a time.)

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks between 00.00 – 06.00hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Northbound closure - B255 Bean Road, A296 Watling Street, B2500 Watling Street, A226 The Bent / London Road.

Southbound closure - A226 London Road / The Brent, B2500 Watling Street, A296 Watling Street, B255 Bean Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate all road markings to be refreshed and install new reflective road studs along the edge and centre of carriageway.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

EYTHORNE ROAD, SHEPHERDSWELL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the installation of a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Eythorne Road, Shepherdswell on or after 5 August 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside house number 40. There will be no access for though traffic between The Glen and Penfold Gardens.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Mill Lane and Great Haynes.

LONDON ROAD & ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER (RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the gas mains replacement works in Coombe Valley Road and the use of St Radigund's Road as a diversion, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic on London Road & St Radigund's Road, Dover as shown below.

This is with effect from 16 August 2010 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The effect of this Order is as follows:

To prohibit waiting on London Road, Dover from the junction with St Radigund's Road northwards for a distance of approximately 25 metres.

St Radigund's Road will become two-way between the junctions of Magdala Road and Lister Close.

The east bound use of this section of road will be limited to buses on stage carriage services.

The section of St Radigund's Road between Lister Close and London Road will remain two-way to allow access to and from Lister Close.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

STATION APPROACH, MEOPHAM (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PARKING BAYS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order suspending the parking bay order on Station Approach, Meopham between Kings Estate Agents and The Railway Tavern.

The Order will become effective on 2nd August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. This suspension will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Murphys Ltd carrying out works on behalf of EDF Energy.

LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use of vehicular traffic on London Road, Northfleet between its junctions with Rural Vale and Burnaby Road.

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 22nd August 2010 and last 1 night between 20.00 – 05.00 hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: London Road, Thames Way, High Street, The Hill and London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate high friction surfacing.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

A229 CHATHAM ROAD (NORTHBOUND), BOXLEY (AT JUNCTION 6 OF THE M20 MOTORWAY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because essential bridge repair works are proposed to be executed on or near the road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on both the A229 Chatham Road Northbound Main Carriageway, Boxley between the Running Horse Roundabout off slip to the Cobtree Roundabout on slip and on the A229 Chatham Road Northbound Distributor Road, Boxley between the Running Horse Roundabout to the Cobtree Roundabout. These closures will be put into operation as required between the hours of 2100hrs to 0600hrs weekday/ Sunday evenings and between 2100hrs to 0900hrs Saturday evenings into Sunday morning. The closures will not be in operation at the same time.

This order will come into effect from Monday 2nd August 2010 for a period of up to 10 weeks or until the works are completed.

The alternative route for closure of the A229 Chatham Road Northbound Main Carriageway is via the Running Horse Roundabout off slip, Running Horse Roundabout, A229 Chatham Road Northbound Distributor Road and Cobtree Roundabout.

The alternative route for the closure of the A229 Chatham Road Northbound Distributor Road is via the Running Horse Roundabout, A229 Royal Engineers Road Southbound, Royal Engineers Roundabout, A229 Royal Engineers Road Northbound and A229 Chatham Road Northbound. Traffic wishing to gain access to the M20 Coast bound will then be directed via the A229 northbound to the Lord Lees Roundabout at the top of Bluebell Hill and then via the A229 southbound to join the M20 from the Cobtree Roundabout.

Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald apologise for any inconvenience caused by these bridge repairs.

For further information or comment please call Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald (Hazel Greenin) on 02034 332000.

BOUGHTON LANE & CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Boughton Lane from the junction with A229 Loose Road for approximately 70m on or after Saturday 21st August 2010 for 2 nights and Cripple Street from the junction with A229 Loose Road for approximately 60m on or after Saturday 28th August 2010 for 2 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Boughton Lane is A229 Loose Road, A229 Linton Road, Linton Crossroads, B2163 Heath Road Linton, Church Street Boughton Monchelsea, Beresford Hill, Bottlescrew Hill, Boughton Lane and vice versa.

The alternative route for Cripple Street is via A229 Loose Road, Sheals Crescent, Old Tovil Road, Tovil Road, Tovil Hill, Straw Mill Hill, Cave Hill, Hayle Mill Road, Teasaucer Hill, Cripple Street and vice versa.

Walker Construction (UK) Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing and road markings. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Andy Pilcher on 01303 851111.

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW DEMONSTRATION AREA - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a restricted road, a 40 and 50 miles per hour speed limit and to revoke a restricted road, a 40 and 50 miles per hour speed limit on the lengths of roads described in the Schedules hereto.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 2 August 2010, an explanatory statement and maps showing the lengths of road concerned, may be inspected during normal office hours at Sessions House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

SCHEDULE 1 (Restricted Roads)

In the Parish of Teston

A26 Tonbridge Road, Teston

From a point 50 metres east of the centre line of The Street westwards to a point 195 metres east of the centre line of the access road to the Sewerage Works

SCHEDULE 2 (Roads subject to a speed limit of 40mph)

In the Parish of Barming

A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming

From a point 107 metres east of the centre line of Bull Orchard westwards to a point in line with the western boundary of No. 36 Tonbridge Road

A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming

From a point 117 metres south west of the centre line of the access road to "Monk's Cottage" south-westwards to the Parish boundary of Teston

In the Parish of Teston

A26 Tonbridge Road, Teston

From the Parish boundary of Barming south-westwards to a point 50 metres east of the centre line of The Street

A26 Tonbridge Road, Teston

From a point 195 metres east of the centre line of the access road to the Sewerage Works westwards to the Borough boundary of Tonbridge & Malling

B2163 Teston Lane, Teston

From its junction with A26 Tonbridge Road south-eastwards to the Parish boundary of West Farleigh

In the Parish of Staplehurst

A229 Maidstone Road, Staplehurst

From a point 80 metres north-west of the centre line of Couchman Green Lane south-eastwards and southwards to a point 64 metres north of the centre of the railway bridge

Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst

From its junction with A229 Maidstone Road south-eastwards for a distance of 52 metres

George Street, Staplehurst

From its junction with A229 Maidstone Road westwards for a distance of 68 metres

In the Parish of West Farleigh

B2010 Lower Road, West Farleigh

From a point 17 metres north-east of the north-eastern boundary of "School House" south-westwards to B2010 Smith's Hill

B2010 Smith's Hill, West Farleigh

From B2010 Lower Road south-westwards and south-eastwards to a point 26 metres south-east of the centre line of the access road to "Smith's Hill House"

B2163 Teston Lane, West Farleigh

From the Parish boundary of Teston south-eastwards to its junction with B2010 Lower Road

B2163 Ewell Lane, West Farleigh

From its junction with B2010 Lower Road eastwards to B2163 Heath Road

B2163 Heath Road, West Farleigh

From B2163 Ewell Lane southwards to a point 30 metres north of the centre line of the access road to "Rook Plain"

**For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



In the Parish of Marden

B2079 Maidstone Road, Marden

From a point 75 metres north-east of the centre line of the access road to Marden Cemetery south-westwards and westwards to a point 105 metres east of the centre line of the access road to “Church Farm”

In the Parish of Nettlestead

B2162 Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead

From its junction with B2015 Maidstone Road eastwards to the Parish boundary of Yalding

Station Road, Nettlestead

From a point 50 metres south of its junction with B2015 Maidstone Road southwards to its junction with B2162 Hampstead Lane

In the Parish of Yalding

B2162 Hampstead Lane, Yalding

From the Parish boundary of Nettlestead eastwards, south-eastwards and north-eastwards to a point 33 metres south-west of the centre line of the entrance to “Lees Cottage”

Lees Road, Yalding

From its junction with B2162 Hampstead Lane south-westwards for a distance of 73 metres

B2162, Benover

From a point 16 metres south-east of the centre line of access road to “Appleynn” south-eastwards to the Parish boundary of Collier Street

Emmet Hill Lane, Benover

From its junction with B2162 south-westwards for a distance of 50 metres

Mill Lane, Benover

From its junction with B2162 north-eastwards for a distance of 49 metres

In the Parish of Collier Street

B2162, Collier Street

From the Parish boundary of Yalding south-eastwards to a point 54 metres south-east of the centre line of Forge Lane

Forge Lane, Collier Street

From its junction with B2162 southwards for a distance of 20 metres

SCHEDULE 3

(Roads subject to a speed limit of 50mph)

In the Parish of East Farleigh

B2010 Lower Road, East Farleigh

From a point 83 metres north-west of the centre line of Gallants Lane north-westwards to the Parish boundary of West Farleigh

In the Parish of West Farleigh

B2010 Lower Road, West Farleigh

From the Parish boundary of East Farleigh westwards to a point 17 metres north-east of the north-eastern boundary of “School House”

Kettle Lane, West Farleigh

From its junction with B2010 Lower Road southwards for a distance of 59 metres

Charlton Lane, West Farleigh

From its junction with B2010 Lower Road southwards for a distance of 20 metres

B2010 Smith's Hill, West Farleigh

From a point 26 metres south-east of the centre line of the access road to “Smith's Hill House” south-eastwards and south-westwards to the Parish boundary of Yalding

Hunt Street, West Farleigh

From its junction with B2010 Smith's Hill south-westwards for a distance of 27 metres

In the Parish of Yalding

B2010 Smith's Hill, Yalding

From the Parish boundary of West Farleigh south-westwards to B2010 Yalding Hill

Shingle Barn Lane, Yalding

From its junction with B2010 Smith's Hill eastwards for a distance of 16 metres

B2010 Yalding Hill, Yalding

From B2010 Smith's Hill south-westwards to a point 63 metres north-east of the centre line of the access road to “Blue Hills”

Small Profits, Yalding

From its junction with B2010 Yalding Hill north-westwards for a distance of 24 metres

B2162 Benover Road, Yalding

From a point 38 metres south-east of the south-eastern boundary of “Fairways” south-eastwards to a point 16 metres south-east of the centre line of access road to “Appleynn”

Symonds Lane, Yalding

From its junction with B2162 Benover Road south-westwards for a distance of 58 metres

In the Parish of Marden

B2079 Maidstone Road, Marden

From a point 45 metres north-east of the centre line of Milebush Lane south-westwards to a point 75 metres north-east of the centre line of the access road to Marden Cemetery

Milebush Lane, Marden

From its junction with B2079 Maidstone Road north-westwards for a distance of 55 metres

St Ann's Green Lane, Marden

From its junction with B2079 Maidstone Road south-eastwards for a distance of 20 metres

B2079 Goudhurst Road, Marden

From a point 85 metres south of the centre line of the access road to “West Field House” southwards to a point 150 metres south of the centre line of Sheephurst Lane, Marden Beech

Plain Road, Marden Beech

From its junction with B2079 Goudhurst Road eastwards for a distance of 195 metres

Sheephurst Lane, Marden Beech

From its junction with B2079 Goudhurst Road westwards for a distance of 35 metres

In the Parish of Collier Street

B2162, Collier Street

From a point 54 metres south-east of the centre line of Forge Lane south-eastwards to a point 80 metres north-west of the centre line of access road to “Mockbeggar”

From a point 63 metres south-east of the centre line of Un-Named Road (leading to Longend Farm) southwards, south-westwards and south-eastwards to the Borough boundary of Tunbridge Wells

Un-named Road (leading to Stonebridge Cottages), Collier Street

From its junction with B2162 south-westwards for a distance of 32 metres

Sheephurst Lane, Collier Street

From its junction with B2162 south-eastwards for a distance of 98 metres

Spenny Lane, Collier Street

From its junction with B2162 north-westwards for a distance of 62 metres

SCHEDULE 4

(Roads subject to the revocation of a restricted road)

In the Parish of Marden

B2079 Maidstone Road, Marden

From a point 75 metres north-east of the centre line of the access road to Marden Cemetery south-westwards and westwards to a point 105 metres east of the centre line of the access road to “Church Farm”

SCHEDULE 5

(Roads subject to the revocation of a 40mph speed limit)

In the Town of Maidstone

A26 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone

From a point 21 metres south west of the centre line of Beverley Road south-westwards to the Parish boundary of Barming

In the Parish of Barming

A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming

From the Town boundary of Maidstone westwards to a point in line with the western boundary of No. 36 Tonbridge Road

In the Parish of Teston

A26 Tonbridge Road, Teston

From a point 146 metres north-east of the centre line of B2163 Teston Lane south-westwards and westwards to the Borough boundary of Tonbridge & Malling

SCHEDULE 6

(Roads subject to the revocation of a 50mph speed limit)

In the Parish of Staplehurst

A229 Maidstone Road, Staplehurst

From a point 89 metres north-west of the centre line of Couchman Green Lane south-eastwards and southwards to a point 64 metres north of the centre of the railway bridge

Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst

From its junction with A229 Maidstone Road south-eastwards for a distance of 52 metres

George Street, Staplehurst

From its junction with A229 Maidstone Road westwards for a distance of 68 metres

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

BRITTAINS LANE, SEVENOAKS

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brittain's Lane, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Marlborough Crescent and A224 London Road.

The Order will become effective on 2nd August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: A224 London Road, Braeside Avenue and Brittain's Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching on the A224 London Road, Sevenoaks.

BRITTAINS LANE, SEVENOAKS

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brittain's Lane, Sevenoaks from Downsview Road to The Middlings.

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: Brittain's Lane, A224 London Road, Tubs Hill, London Road, Tonbridge Road, Oak Lane and Brittain's Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Footway improvement and reconstruction of retaining wall.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE

(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER, 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council propose to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act: This Order is necessary for safety reasons, and will make stopping on the “School Keep Clear” zig-zag markings on the following lengths or road from Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 5.00am during school term times an infringement which may be dealt with by the issue of a penalty charge notice.

The locations are-

1. **New Road**, on the south eastern side along the frontage of St Edwards's RC Primary School.
2. **Rose Street**, on the south eastern side along the frontage of Rose Street School.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, Sheppey Leisure Complex, Broadway, Sheerness and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map and a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Borough Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3H and Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Transport and Developer Manager (Swale), Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.ashford.swale@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 23 August 2010.

**VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council propose to make the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will further amend the Swale Borough Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 1988 by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Sheerness;

Broad Street On both sides between points 10 metres north west and 10 metres south east of the junction with New Road/Hope Street; on the north eastern side between points 10 metres north west and 10 metres south east of the junction with Rose Street and on the south western side from the junction with Rose Street for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction.

Hope Street On both sides from the junction with Broad Street for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction.

New Road On both sides from the junction with Broad Street for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction.

Rose Street On both sides from the junction with Broad Street for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction.

The order will also introduce day time no waiting (single yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Sheerness;

Broad Street On the north eastern side from a point 10 metres south of the junction with Hope Street to a point 10 metres north west of the junction with Rose Street.

New Road On the south eastern side from a point 10 metres south west of the junction with Broad Street for a distance of 100ms in a south westerly direction.

Rose Street On the south eastern side from a point 10 metres north east of the junction with Broad Street for a distance of 82 metres in a north easterly direction.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, Sheppey Leisure Complex, Broadway, Sheerness and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.ashford.swale@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Monday 23 August 2010.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**VIKING COASTAL TRAIL, MARGATE
(RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of landscaping works in connection with the construction of the Turner Contemporary and sea defence works, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting cyclists and pedestrians on Viking Coastal Trail, Margate on or after 16 August 2010 for up to 33 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Viking Coastal Trail will be closed between Droit House and The RNLI Building. The alternative route is via Fort Hill and Fort Promenade.

The existing footway on the north-western side of Fort Hill will temporarily be converted to a cycle track for the duration of these works, and will then revert to a footway.

**FAIRFIELD ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Fairfield Road, Broadstairs, on or after 20 August 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A255 Broadstairs Road and the Rumfields Road/Bromstone Road Roundabout.

The alternative route is via Bromstone Road, A255 Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafield Road, Osborne Road, A255 The Broadway, St Peter's Road and Broadstairs Road.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**HATHAM GREEN LANE STANSTEAD
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hathem Green Lane Stanstead from outside Parsonage Farm on or after Monday 2nd August 2010 up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is Plaxdale Green Road, Malthouse Road, Pease Hill, South Ash Road and Ash Lane and vice versa.

EDF apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to install a new electrical supply.

Should you require any further information the contact is Steve Bicknell on 0800 0835234.

**R/O 45 BRADBOURNE LANE, DITTON
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC ORDER) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT
1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bradbourne Lane, Ditton Tuesday 3rd August 2010 for a period of up to 3 Days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above down Bradbourne Lane along St Peters Road then along New Road and London Road (A20).

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by the work to provide a water connection to 4 properties.

Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Bob Harrison on 07734 85923.

**WOODLANDS ROAD, DITTON
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Woodlands Road between New Road and Primrose Drive on or after Wednesday 4th August 2010 for a period of up to 6 working days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via New Road, A20 London Road, Woodlands Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

**SPEED LIMIT REVIEW DEMONSTRATION AREA -
IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING
(VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 40 miles per hour speed limit and to revoke a 40 miles per hour speed limit on the lengths of roads described in the Schedules hereto.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 2 August 2010, an explanatory statement and maps showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at Sessions House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

SCHEDULE 1

(Roads subject to a speed limit of 40mph)

In the Parish of Mereworth

A26 Tonbridge Road, Mereworth

From a point 71 metres north-west of the centre line of the track leading to house number 222 Tonbridge Road north-westwards and southwards to a point 31 metres south of the centre line of the access road to “Brewer's Hall Farm”

A228 Malling Road, Mereworth

From a point 146 metres north of the centre line of The Street southwards to its junction with the A26 Tonbridge Road

**For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



In the Parish of Watlingtonbury

A26 Tonbridge Road, Watlingtonbury
From the Borough boundary of Maidstone westwards to a point 12 metres east of the centre line of The Orpines

SCHEDULE 2
(Roads subject to the revocation of a 40mph speed limit)

In the Parish of Watlingtonbury

A26 Tonbridge Road, Watlingtonbury
From the Borough boundary of Maidstone westwards to a point 12 metres east of the centre line of The Orpines

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD & A228 WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic traveling at any speed greater than 30mph on A228 Maidstone Road from Maidstone Road to B2017 Badsell Road and A228 Whetsted Road from Whetsted Farm to Lindow Lea Farm on or after Monday 2nd August 2010 for a period of up to 12 days or until such works are completed. Also through traffic will be prohibited on A228 Maidstone Road from Maidstone Road to Alders Road between 19:00hrs and 07:00hrs on or after Saturday 7th August/8th August 2010 and Saturday 14th August/15th August 2010 or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via B2017 Five Oak Green Road, B2017 Tudeley Lane, A26 Woodgate Way, A2014 Pembury Road, A21 Castle Hill, A21 Tonbridge Road, Tonbridge Road, A228 Pembury Northern By-Pass and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused, which are necessary for essential highway works. Should you require any further information, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW DEMONSTRATION AREA - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 40 and 50 miles per hour speed limit on the lengths of roads described in the Schedules hereto.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 2 August 2010, an explanatory statement and maps showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at Sessions House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

SCHEDULE 1
(Roads subject to a speed limit of 40mph)

In the Parish of Goudhurst

B2079, Goudhurst
From a point 20 metres south of the access gate to "Goudhurst Tennis Club" southwards to a point 95 metres north of the centre line of Blind Lane

B2084, Goudhurst

From its junction with B2079 North Road south-eastwards and eastwards to a point 19 metres north-west of the centre line of Tattlebury Lane

Lidwells Lane, Goudhurst

From its junction with B2079 Goudhurst Road south-westwards for a distance of 175 metres

SCHEDULE 2
(Roads subject to a speed limit of 50mph)

In the Parish of Cranbrook**A262 Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook**

From a point 101 metres east of the centre line of Four Wents Crossroads at Flushinghurst eastwards to a point 58 metres east of the centre line of Marden Road

Chalk Lane, Cranbrook

From its junction with B262 Goudhurst Road southwards for a distance of 77 metres

Marden Road, Cranbrook

From its junction with A262 Goudhurst Road north-westwards for a distance of 86 metres

In the Parish of Capel**B2017 Badsell Road**

From the Town boundary of Paddock Wood north-westwards to its junction with A228 Colts Hill

In the Parish of Goudhurst**B2079, Goudhurst**

From a point 160 metres south-west of the centre line of the access road to "Harper's Farm" south-westwards and southwards to a point 20 metres south of the access gate to "Goudhurst Tennis Club"

Ballards Hill, Goudhurst

From its junction with B2079 Goudhurst Road north-westwards for a distance of 50 metres

In the Town of Paddock Wood**B2160 Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood**

From a point 75 metres south of the centre line of the access road to Mascalls School southwards to the Parish boundary of Brenchley

Chantlers Hill, Paddock Wood

From its junction with B2160 Maidstone Road eastwards for a distance of 25 metres

In the Parish of Brenchley**B2160 Geddes Hill, Matfield**

From the Town boundary of Paddock Wood southwards to B2160 Maidstone Road

B2160 Maidstone Road, Matfield

From B2160 Geddes Hill south-westwards to a point in line with the south-western boundary of "Long Leas"

Coppers Lane, Matfield

From its junction with B2160 Maidstone Road south-eastwards for a distance of 40 metres

B2160 Maidstone Road, Matfield

From a point 71 metres south-west of the centre line of the access road to "Court Farm House" south-westwards to its junction with A21 Hastings Road, Kipping's Cross

Sophurst Lane, Matfield

From its junction with B2160 Maidstone Road southwards for a distance of 26 metres

Bramble Reed Lane, Matfield

From its junction with B2160 Maidstone Road north-westwards for a distance of 53 metres

Kings Toll Road, Matfield

From its junction with B2160 Maidstone Road south-westwards for a distance of 43 metres

In the Parish of Horsmonden**B2162 Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**

From the Borough boundary of Maidstone south-westwards to a point 143 metres south of the centre line of the access road to "Gafords Bridge Cottages"

The Insolvency Act 1986
J R CABINET MAKERS LIMITED
Company Number 04367848

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Granville House, 49 The Mall, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8JW, on 6 August 2010, at 11.00 am for the purposes provided for in Sections 99 and 101 of the Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a statement of claim, to the nominated Liquidator Andrew James Hawksworth (IP No 9582) of Augusta Kent Limited, Granville House, 49 The Mall, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8JW, not later than 12.00 noon on 5 August 2010. The proxy form and statement may be posted or sent by fax to 01795 538866. Any queries should be directed to Teresa Snow (Tel: 01795 538853; Email: Teresa.Snow@augustakent.co.uk). Secured creditors may only vote for the balance of the debt, which will not be recovered by enforcement of the security, unless right to enforce is waived. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Augusta Kent Limited at the above address on 4 August 2010 and 5 August 2010 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. If no liquidation committee is formed, a resolution may be taken specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting will receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting. Dated 27 July 2010
Mark Friend, Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

A building certified for worship named UCKG Help Centre, 8-9 High Street, Gravesend, Kent in the registration district of Kent, in County of Kent, was on 3 June 2010 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.

Superintendent Registrar
15 June 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

A building certified for worship named Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2 Church Court, South Street, Gravesend in the registration district of Kent, in the Non-Metropolitan County/Metropolitan District/London Borough of Kent, was on 19 May 2010 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958. In lieu of Kingdom Hall, Shrubbery Road, Gravesend now disused and the registration cancelled thereof.

Superintendent Registrar
3 June 2010

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 10/02364/HOUSE Crit Hall Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Use of existing garage outbuilding as residential accommodation ancillary to the main house, and new garage building (LB)
- 10/02261/FUL Blue Cedars Langton Road, Broadwater**
- Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two-storey three-bedroom dwelling house (CA)
- 10/02281/HOUSE 7 Norman Rise Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Proposed rear dormer roof extension (PROW)
- 10/02355/FUL Hartridge Manor Farm Paley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Extension to residential curtilage (LB)
- 10/02248/FUL Lake House Staplehurst Road, Frittenden**
- Retrospective - Erection of a barn for storage of agricultural equipment (LB)
- 10/02284/HOUSE Gatehouse Farm Riseden Lane, Goudhurst**
- Proposed two-storey extension and porch to front entrance (LB)
- 10/02338/HOUSE Trillinghurst Farm House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
- Single storey side extension with glazed link (EIA)
- 10/02339/LBC Trillinghurst Farm House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Single storey side extension with glazed link (LB)
- 10/02000/HOUSE Dymoke Cottage Northgrove Road, Hawkhurst**
- Conversion and roof extension of former stable block to provide granny annexe (CA) (LB)
- 10/02327/FUL Holly Shaw Queens Road, Hawkhurst**
- Demolition of existing bungalow and garage, closure of existing vehicular accesses and erection of 8 new dwellings with associated parking and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access to Queens Road (LB) (CA)
- 10/02328/FULMJ Maidstone & District Bus Station Rye Road, Hawkhurst**
- Demolition of the former bus station and erection of single storey A1 retail unit with ancillary car parking for 82 vehicles, including 3 disabled and 3 parent/child parking spaces (MAJOR)
- 10/02334/CAC Holly Shaw Queens Road, Hawkhurst**
- Conservation Area Consent Demolition of existing bungalow and garage, closure of existing vehicular accesses and erection of 8 new dwellings with associated parking and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access to Queens Road (CA)
- 10/02356/FUL Fidgets Pre-School & Nursery Lamberhurst Vineyard, Lamberhurst**
- Change of use of ground to form additional external play area to childrens day nursery (CA) (PROW)
- 10/02246/FUL Alpha House 2A Frant Road, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Change of use from A2 Office to Residential (CA)
- 10/02320/HOUSE 9 Claremont Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Single storey side/rear extension and roof conversion with rear dormer/balcony (CA)
- 10/02210/HOUSE West House 6 Camden Park, Park**
- Replacement of timber fence and gate with new metal gate and railings with brick pillars (CA)
- 10/02352/FUL St Johns Methodist Church Vale Road, Southborough North**
- Extension of Time: Demolition of existing church and ancillary accommodation. Construction of new church complex and 4 x 1 bed flats and 4 x 2 bed flats and associated parking (TW/04/01843 refers) (CA)
- 10/02353/CAC St Johns Methodist Church Vale Road, Southborough North**
- Extension of Time: Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing church and ancillary accommodation (TW/04/01844 refers) (CA)
- 10/02308/HOUSE Langton Lodge The Green, Speldhurst**
- Proposed link, alterations to stables with proposed swimming pool and pool house/studio (CA) (LB)
- 10/02314/LBC Langton Lodge The Green, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Proposed link, alterations to stables with proposed swimming pool and pool house/studio (LB)
- 10/02228/HOUSE 61 St James Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, St James**
- Single storey side extension at rear (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Most Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement. You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date. You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet. Jim Kehoe

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LINE IN THE SAND: Are five-year warranties on new Toyotas like the latest British-built Auris hybrid set to change the UK car market?



Has Toyota sparked the 'warranty war'?

By **STEVE LOADER**

WE'VE been predicting an outbreak of 'Warranty Wars' since the recession was recognised officially and motorists began tightening their belts.

But it has taken a couple of years for the big guns to open up, notably in the form of Toyota's new range-wide five-year/100,000 miles warranty, putting pressure on other major players like VW, Ford and Vauxhall who follow the industry norm of three years/60,000.

Chevrolet quickly matched Toyota and upped the ante with what is currently the best all-round brand package on the UK market: the Five-Year Promise including a five-year/100,000 warranty, five-years' free servicing, five years' roadside assistance, five years of free annual vehicle health checks and free MoT test cover until the car is five years old.

Of course, we could be cynical in the light of recent alleged safety concerns and recalls on certain Toyota models; it is noticeable that Toyota's luxury arm, Lexus, has not offered the same warranty deal. On the other hand, the world's number one carmaker's recent problems are a blemish on an otherwise



IN CONTROL: Chevrolet has backed its confidence in new models like the Cruze

excellent reputation for reliability and customer service, so why not exploit that as the economic climate gets tougher for car sales?

The Korean Hyundai-Kia group has already used the warranty ploy to build sales and reputation; Hyundai has offered a blanket five-year/unlimited miles deal since 2002, although major reliability awards gathered by its new generation i30 family hatchback (see our road test inside) suggest this is almost overkill now.

Japanese small car brand Daihatsu – in which Toyota has a controlling interest – also launched a five-year/unlimited warranty recently, but Kia is the undisputed

warranty king after launching a seven-year/100,000 promise on selected models in 2007, and then making it range-wide earlier this year.

This move almost certainly put pressure on Chevrolet, though the General Motors value brand's 'all the fives' offer is a neat celebration of five years since the brand's re-emergence in the UK and boosts a revamped line-up featuring the new Spark city car, sharply-styled Cruze saloon and big value Captiva SUV.

Chevy dealers are excited too.

"This is an incredible offer for our customers," said Caffyns Tunbridge Wells

sales manager Andrew Kitney. "It's the best commitment to quality and after sales ever offered by a car manufacturer in the UK."

It begs the question though: what will other dealers be saying to their suppliers? Longer warranties build confidence at a time when buying a new car is harder to justify, and they also tend to bind customers to dealers for longer through servicing work.

On the other hand, with customers who habitually swap cars after three years, dealers get the chance to sell them a new car of the same brand while retaining the old car for sale within the dealer network, where used values can be better controlled and helped by the remaining warranty.

A recent What Car? Magazine survey showed that 56 per cent of those polled said Kia's seven-year warranty attracted them to the brand, 24 per cent said it was a major influence and 32 per cent said it attracted them at least a little.

Other carmakers have dabbled with longer warranties on selected models and/or as special offers – notably Fiat and Subaru – but how long can most hold back from at least matching Toyota?

Of the remaining majority, some that back their engineering with unlimited mileage on the three years – Aston Martin, BMW, Bentley, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi and Smart – while Honda applies a 90,000-mile limit.



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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2008	58	Agila Club CDTi	1.3	5	Steel silver	10,450	7,995	2007	07
2009	09	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	10,400	8,995	2007	07
2009	09	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Atlantis blue	9,350	8,995	2007	57
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495	2009	09
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	1,266	9,495	2009	09
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995	2009	59
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	5,150	9,495	2009	59
2009	59	Agila Design Auto	1.2	5	Silver	2,355	10,995	2009	59
2010	59	Agila Design	1.2	5	Lemon grass	2,790	8,995	2009	59
ANTARA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2008	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995	2009	09
2009	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,995	2009	59
ASTRA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2001	51*	Astra LS Estate	1.4	5	Black sapphire	61,610	2,995	2006	06
2004	04*	Astra Elegance Auto	1.6	5	Silver lightening	52,375	3,695	2006	06
2006	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,750	2007	07
2007	07	Astra Energy CDTi	1.3D	5	Ultra blue	15,485	7,995	2007	07
2007	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	7,495	2007	07
2007	07	Astra SRI Sports hatch X pack 1.6 TBO	1.8	3	Flame red	29,810	8,995	2007	07
2007	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,795	2007	57
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,695	2008	08
2008	08	Astra SRI X Pack	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,575	9,995	2008	08
2008	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,995	2008	58
2009	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	12,625	9,995	2009	58
2009	09	Astra Club	1.4	5	Silver lightening	18,218	8,995	2009	09
2009	09	Astra SRI CDTi X Pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,710	13,995	2009	09
2009	09	Astra Active	1.4	5	Black sapphire	9,650	9,495	2009	09
2009	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	10,495	2009	09
2009	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,495	2009	59
2009	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	15,995	2009	59
2009	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	1.9D	5	Power red	8,000	12,995	2009	59
2009	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	4,960	10,995	2009	59
2009	59	New Astra Exclusiv CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	6,450	13,995	2009	59
2009	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	3,990	10,995	2009	59
2009	59	New Astra SRI	1.6	5	Power red	5,340	14,995	2009	59
CORSA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2002	02*	Corza Club E/T	1.2	5	Blue	37,625	3,195	2006	06
2006	56	Corza Life	1.0	3	Flame red	26,870	4,695	2006	56
2006	56	Corza Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Flame red	38,450	7,495	2006	56
2007	07	Corza Club A/c	1.2	5	Black sapphire	19,650	6,995	2007	07
2007	07	Corza Club	1.2	5	Flame red	27,810	6,795	2007	07
2007	57	Corza Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995	2007	57
2009	09	Corza Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475	2009	09
2009	09	Corza Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Metro blue	19,970	8,995	2009	09
2009	59	Corza Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,600	9,495	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	9,995	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Sxi A/c X pack	1.4	3	Black sapphire	10,150	10,995	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	4,450	10,495	2009	59
2009	59	Corza Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395	2009	59
INSIGNIA & SIGNUM									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995	2009	09
2009	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	20,995	2009	59
2009	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	15,995	2009	59
2005	55	Signum Elite	2.2	5	Star silver	58,800	5,995	2005	55
MERIVA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2006	06	Meriva Design E/T	1.6	5	Metro blue	33,225	6,495	2006	06
2006	56	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Steel blue	19,730	5,995	2006	56
2009	09	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Metro blue	8,320	8,995	2009	09
VECTRA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2006	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	7,195	2006	56
2007	57	Vectra SRI CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,995	2007	57
2007	07*	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv +	1.9D	5	Silver lightening	88,375	5,995	2007	07
2007	07	Vectra Design Auto CDTi	1.9	5	Star silver	15,117	9,495	2007	07
2008	58	Vectra Design CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	35,350	9,495	2008	58
2008	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,795	2008	58
ZAFIRA									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2002	02*	Zafira Comfort	1.6	5	Green	56,385	3,650	2002	02
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995	2008	58
2009	59	Zafira Design CDTi	1.9	5	Panacotta	2,200	16,995	2009	59
2009	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,995	2009	59
OTHERS									
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£	Year	Reg
2000	00*	VW Beetle	1.6	2	Silver	78,500	3,495	2000	00
2002	02*	MG ZR	1.4	2	Red	70,250	2,995	2002	02
2005	05*	Ford Focus Auto LX	1.6	5	Blue	50,630	5,995	2005	05
2005	55*	Peugeot 206 Zest	1.1	5	Blue	55,900	4,995	2005	55
2004	54*	Ford Focus LX	1.6	5	Metallic blue	41,770	4,495	2004	54
2006	56*	Nissan SVE Note	1.6	5	Star silver	4,5780	4,995	2006	56
					Grey	25,225	5,995		

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



Goodbye Micra and hello Juke

NISSAN'S successful UK plant at Sunderland has said goodbye to the Micra supermini after 18 years.

The Micra production line has shut down to re-tool for output of the new Juke crossover, due to start in mid-August.

There will be mixed feelings across the market; the third and final generation Micra arrived in 2002, with retro

looks designed to attack the BMW Mini, but lacked the unisex appeal of the Mini.

Nissan later tried to address the problem by splitting the range into models designed to appeal to one sex or the other, but the die was cast.

Ironically for a car appealing more to the ladies, the Micra's biggest bugbear of recent years has been the success of the unashamedly retro Fiat 500.

Hyundai gets blue and green shading

LITTLE over a year after launch, the restless drive of Hyundai has led to an overhaul of the i20 supermini.

Revisions to the aerodynamics and powertrains have made all models greener, while the interior is now upgraded.

The best-selling 1.2-litre petrol engine now qualifies for the minimum (£30) payable road tax and company car tax benefit-in-kind rates of just 10 per cent. The 1.4-litre gains even greater

savings on emissions and economy, with Style models dropping two road tax bands, while 1.4 diesels also benefit.

Inside, there are two blue additions: blue dashboard illumination to match other Hyundais, and Bluetooth phone connectivity with voice recognition now standard on all i20s except the entry-level Classic.

Prices for the new-look i20 start at £9,520 with the usual Hyundai five-year/unlimited miles warranty.



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HYUNDAI'S Korean sister brand Kia has also been busy developing new Domino and Echo special edition models playing on classic black and white themes.

Domino versions of the Picanto city car – judged Britain's most reliable new car by Which? Magazine – and Rio supermini gain additional equipment for less money.

The Picanto version costs from £7,995 while its Rio equivalent is priced from £9,295. These represent savings of £400 and £350 respectively over the Picanto and Rio '2' versions upon which they are based, yet they gain more equipment as well as a choice of white or black metallic paint with optional contrasting black or white stripe. Echo is the latest addition to the Soul 'Originals' line-up following other limited editions. Priced from £13,995, the Soul Echo gets 18-inch alloys to match white or black paintwork plus many more high spec extras.

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CHANGE: Chrysler's upgraded Grand Voyager remains the most serious people carrier while their new Jeep Grand Cherokee special edition offers sporty additions at a down-to-earth price

Chrysler Jeep benefits from Fiat's touch

THINGS are looking up for the troubled American motor group Chrysler.

The stable of brands, which also includes Jeep 4x4s and Dodge, is now effectively owned by Fiat through a shares and technology deal that should see Chrysler produce smaller Fiat-based cars rather than the wasteful models that brought the near collapse of the home-based American car industry.

The first step is likely to be a US-built spin-off from the Fiat Group's newly-launched Alfa Romeo Giulietta – a Ford Focus class hatchback – with the same platform also adapted for larger Chrysler group replacements.

Proof the Fiat association is already working may be seen from Chrysler reporting a second successive quarterly operating profit recently.

by
STEVELOADER

And turnarounds are Fiat's speciality; the Italian group was itself the motor industry's dead man walking just a few years ago.

But Fiat boss Sergio Marchionne, appointed in 2004, turned things around, shrinking the group's notoriously bureaucratic management, promoting new models and taking the group back in profit within two years.

It could be argued he also benefited from timing; Fiat's strength has always been smaller cars and Marchionne promoted the Grande Punto supermini, Bravo family hatchback and then the phenomenally successful 500 cult car

just as the world was looking to downsize.

Signs of the Marchionne approach can already be seen in the UK where Chrysler line-ups have been trimmed; the Dodge brand, so successful in its homeland, has been slashed from four models to just one – the value for money Journey MPV – and looks set for the axe longer term.

The parent brand has also been slimmed to its two proven models: the big retro 300C saloon and capacious seven-seat Grand Voyager MPV. The latter has just been given an upgrade and starts from £26,995 for the LX 2.8-litre diesel entry model.

Standard kit includes the Stow 'n' Go seating which allows all five rearmost seats to be folded away or used in any combination; the underfloor recessions taking the seats also double as luggage lockers when the car is on

passenger duty, scoring a big hit with commercial users as well as big families.

It comes with powered sliding side doors and tailgate and the best-selling diesel unit also now produces lower CO2 emissions and drops one road tax band.

Jeep has also been cut back to its ultra-affordable Patriot 4x4 – a family hatch with serious offroad ability – Cherokee and Grand Cherokee off-roader estates and the classic Wrangler off-roader, the descendant of the brand's original military design.

But it is currently celebrating a special edition 3.0-litre diesel Grand Cherokee S-Limited priced from only £33,995. Based on the £31,995 Limited model, the additional £2,000 brings features from the sporty SRT-8 V8 petrol flagship including bodykit and luxury interior highlights.

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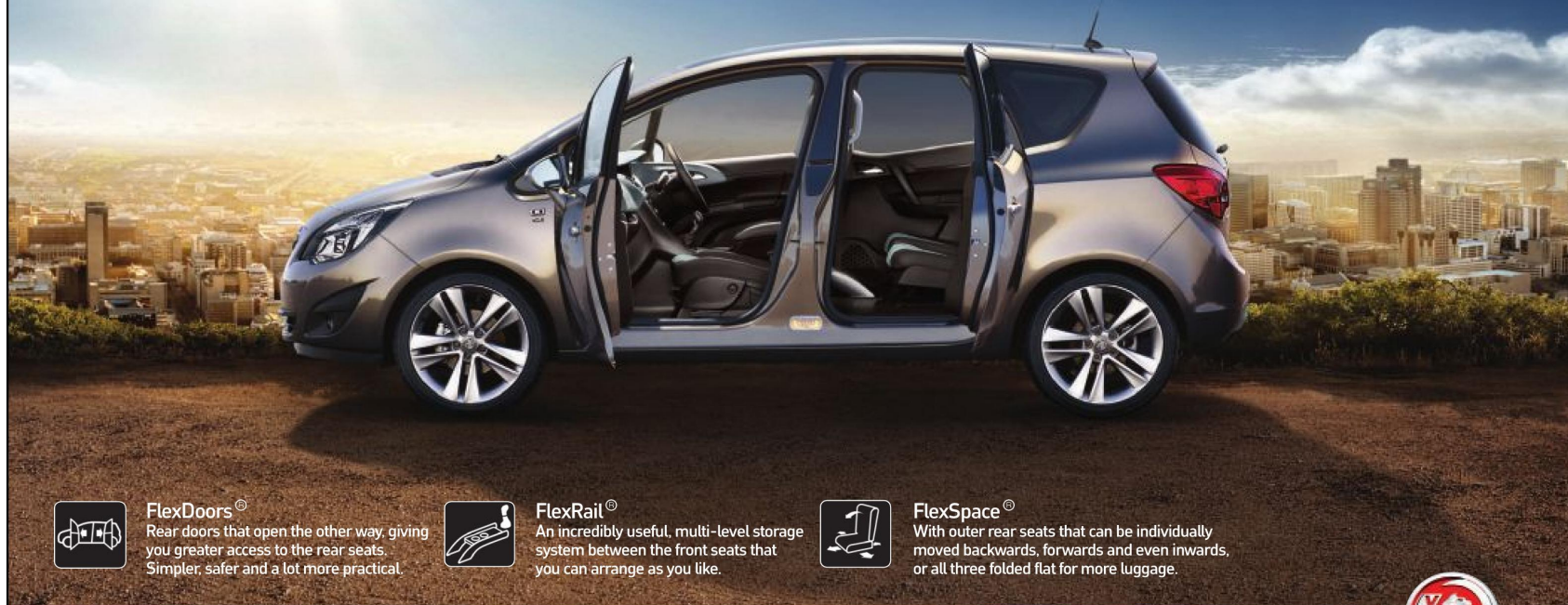
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Vowel that wowed the world works wonders for Hyundai

IN THE same way that a tiny vowel helped transform the perceptions and fortunes of hi-tech computer company Apple, so it has worked the same magic for Hyundai.

We are talking about the 'i' numbering system introduced to the Korean brand's mainstream car line-up with the Ford Focus class i30 hatchback in 2007, heralding not just a new classification, but a new class of European-influenced Hyundais.

It has been followed by equally groundbreaking smaller sisters – the i20 supermini and i10 city car.

But it is the i30 that has most worried established players like Ford, Vauxhall and VW; it cannot quite match the strengths of the Focus, Astra and Golf respectively, but it is a fine all-rounder and typically keen on pricing (from £12,900) and backed by Hyundai's excellent five-year/unlimited mileage warranty.

Not that it really needs a 'buy and forget' warranty, after winning this year's prestigious Auto Express magazine/Driver Power Top 100 reliability crown.

The car also comes packed with standard kit that other brands make you pay for such as electric windows front and back, steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fogs, glove box cooler, air con and cargo net in boot.

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DrivingReview



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Hyundai i30

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Fit and finish inside, plus seating comfort, is excellent and well up to the norm, while not reaching the levels of the admittedly more expensive Golf and Astra.



On the road it also contrasts sharply with the quite awful Accent that it replaced; the i30 chassis has been carefully set up to please as many buyers as possible, with responsive handling balanced by ride quality and comfort.

Straight line cruising is excellent, though the i30 can be underwhelming when travelling cross-country; it grips securely, but the body pitches a little in the bends and the ride can be unsettled by poor surfaces.

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The i30 cabin and boot space is around the average for this class, but being able to fold the rear seats properly flat to the floor plus the upmarket standard fitting of a cargo net makes this a particularly practical hatchback.

The final impression is amazement that a relatively new kid on the motoring block can so completely eclipse its previous model, while also promising so much more progress for the i30's eventual successor.

Could we be looking at a future class leader?

DrivingPortfolio

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159, 1.9 JDTM 16v, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags traction control remote central locking, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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159, JDTM, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels cruise control drivers alloy electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 32782 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, Multipace Forte 16v, 7849079, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rcltho upholstery, adjustable steering column, twin air bags, radio cassette, blue, 11800 miles, £6495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Multipace Forte 16v, 7901079, power steering, abs, electric front windows, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, twin air bags, blue, 25900 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Multipace Forte 16v, 7978079, power steering, central locking, abs, radio cassette, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, blue, 14000 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6 HDi 600LX With Side Loading Door, km57Uhc, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, cd player, radio, side load door, white, 33000 miles, £4495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6HDi Refrigerated Chiller / Freezer, aaaaax, cd player, power steering, gr lined, hubbard fridge standby available if required (optional extra), white, 15 miles, £9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, fn04zv, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio cassette, refrigerated display, heated display, hand wash facilities, white, 0 miles, £9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 600 LX HDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, side load door, cd player, lectric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 27000 miles, £7595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6HDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, iD59ees, satellite navigation, immobiliser, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, air bag, bluetooth, cd player, brand new, immediate delivery, gr lined, gah equipment, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 1 miles, £11595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 625 LX HDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, mv58zhn, dual passenger seat, side load door, cd player, abs, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, gr lined, hubbard fridge, electric stanby, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 12000 miles, £3995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6 MULTISPACE DESIRE, 2007, abs brakes cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 14986 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6 DESIRE, 2007, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 17398 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, HDi VTR, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel tremote audio controls, gold metallic, 4000 miles, £10495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6 MULTISPACE DESIRE, 2007, abs brakes cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 14986 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6 MULTISPACE DESIRE, 2007, abs brakes cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 14986 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

MATERIA, 16v 5dr, fe09tsu, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, electric windows, cd player, head restraints, cloth upholstery, sun visors with mirrors, remote fuel flap release, body colour tailgate handle, internal chrome door handles, body colour door handles, height adjustable driver's seat, glovebox, aerial, black window surrounds, maroon, 1900 miles, £9995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SIRION, SE 5dr, yt08nng, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, parking sensor, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, automatic electric windows, isofix, child locks, cloth upholstery, radio, air conditioning, 15" alloys, laminated windscreen, tachometer, digital clock, air recirculation system, body colour front sports bumper, auxiliary socket for external device, full impact safety system, passenger grip handles, storage trays, air blending and ventilation system, rear indicator lenses, blue, 13000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

FIAT

GRANDE PUNTO, 2006, cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, astral blue, 34399 miles, £4500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer, 2000 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags power steering tinted glass trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 19000 miles, £6500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags power steering tinted glass trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, red, 20426 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 28000 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player climate control electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 27670 miles, £7000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2006, red, 40000 miles, £4995, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, red, 29000 miles, £5000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, metallic new wave blue, 8900 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 10000 miles, £7000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 15433 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, jungle grey, 22146 miles, £7500, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 20422 miles, £6000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, 5, lx07kfp, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering remote central locking trip computer, tango red, 22000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering remote central locking trip computer, tango red, 20000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, ea02tyv, insurance group 6 alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette sunroof trip computer 3 owners service history, aquafrost green, 35000 miles, £2783, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ea02vpz, insurance group 6 alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cd trip computer 2 owners, ink blue, 57000 miles, £2483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, kd07dtv, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer, amethyst, 2000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ce56erk, insurance group 5 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag power steering tinted glass trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 16000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, g5f8gvp, insurance group 4 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers climate control immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel service history, panther black, 24000 miles, £9483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, av0u8s, insurance group 5 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrorstechnology pack, panther black, 10000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, gn52lzp, insurance group 3 audio remote control body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment history, moon dust silver, 62000 miles, £3483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, ap58axn, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alarm remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height 1 owner service history, moon dust silver, 9000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, in56xav, insurance group 3 abs alloy coloured bumpers drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering remote central locking 2 owners history, amethyst, 21000 miles, £5283, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, gy57eju, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering remote central locking trip computer, ocean blue, 13000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, pk08bev, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer, ocean blue, 13000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, pk08bev, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer, ocean blue, 13000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, g5f05yx, insurance group 3 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 1 owner, moon dust, 36000 miles, £5000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, yb08zdy, insurance group 5 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front , 11000 miles, £6483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ea02vxs, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment 2 owners service history, neptune green, 52000 miles, £3683, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ce57veh, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electridoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking 1 owner service history, tango red, 15000 miles, £6483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Titanium, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tinted glass trip computer multi functional tuneport (4 speed and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls dab radio, avalon, 10143 miles, £14080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 Zetec TDCi, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted immobiliser white grape, 61304 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 115 Zetec (Euro 4), 2006, non standard colour, 50271 miles, £17997, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 Zetec TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, thunder grey, 17573 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 Zetec TDCi 6 Speed, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, moon dust silver, 15214 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 Zetec TDCi 6 Speed, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, moon dust silver, 11844 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, ZETEC, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering remote central locking, grey, 46421 miles, £8500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, TITANIUM X, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 343625 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, Zetec, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 43699 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, Zetec tdc, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, grey, 47631 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi 125ps ZETEC, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 47512 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, EDGE, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 47512 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

HONDA

V, VTEC 5dr, 7904079, air conditioning, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear spoiler, cd player, radio, abs, adjustable steering column, powered folding mirrors, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, 4x4, blue, 21000 miles, £6495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

JAZZ, Dsi SE 5dr, 129314, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, air conditioning, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, colour coded body, pollen filter, passenger seat back pocket, rear speakers, front speakers, boot lamp, body colour bumpers, side impact blue, 11000 miles, £8995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

JAZZ, EX, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights metallic paintsingle cd player remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, red, 6805 miles, £11000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 Sport, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid remote central locking, silver, 12123 miles, £9000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4EX I SHIFT, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights power fold mirrors power steering panoramic sunroof, deep sapphire blue, 6000 miles, £13000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, silver blue, 19000 miles, £8000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint, silver, 26500 miles, £5800, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points, black, 14600 miles, £6495, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE Auto, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, silver blue, 28000 miles, £8000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, silver blue, 28000 miles, £8000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey, 21000 miles, £8000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, cool rose met, 22996 miles, £8000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4S, 2002, abs brakes central locking full service history immobiliser, blue, 43000 miles, £4000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE DSI, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking sun roof remote central locking remote audio controls, green, 49000 miles, £5000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels full service history remote audio controls, storm silver, 25100 miles, £7495, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, Sport, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control electric windows multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 19476 miles, £8500, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows black, 8500 miles, £9000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, i-Dsi SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels immobiliser trip computer remote central locking, red, 65396 miles, £4801, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S 1.3, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tinted glass remote central locking, blue, 22000 miles, £6080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points, black, 14600 miles, £6495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, silver blue, 28000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points blind spot monitor, silver, 11100 miles, £7495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)



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JAZZ, 1.4 i-DSI SE -7, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering reverse parking aid remote central locking, green, 17849 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

Jazz, EX, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking climate control power steering single cd player remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, red, 6805 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4EX I SHIFT, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering panoramic sunroof, deep sapphire blue, 6000 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 Sport, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels front central electric windows from fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid remote central locking, silver, 12123 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, sirius blue, 19000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4S, 2002, abs brakes central locking full service history immobiliser, blue, 43000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE DSI, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sun roof remote central locking remote audio controls, green, 49000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint, silver, 26500 miles, £5800, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking remote audio controls, storm silver, 25100 miles, £7495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 44000 miles, £6400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MAZDA

2, 1.4 TS, 2004, red, 5817 miles, £4500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, Capella, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 40000 miles, £4300, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, SPORT, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats sports seats tinted glass tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, crystal white, 20337 miles, £9500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, 1.3 TS 3 Door, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, black, 9355 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, 1.4, 2008, red, 50 miles, £11800, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £13100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, 1.4, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £13200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, TS2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, aurora, 13888 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, TS2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 11000 miles, £7750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, TS2, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power fold mirrors power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags remote audio controls, classic red, 9398 miles, £7900, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MERCEDES

C-CLASS, C320 CDI Sport Auto, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors satellite navigation, grey, 25000 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, avantgarde, 2007, 1.8, 30000 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C180 Classic, 2002, abs brakes central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer remote audio controls, black, 67000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C240 Avantgarde SE Auto, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, silver, 9479 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C320 CDI Sport Auto, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors satellite navigation, grey, 25000 miles, £23000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C200K AVANTGARDE, 2003, blue, 48504 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C200K AVANTGARDE, 2003, blue, 48504 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, avantgarde, 2007, 1.8, 30000 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C180 Elegance, 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer front parking sensors remote central locking remote audio controls, gold, 16471 miles, £7080, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C320 CDI Sport Auto, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors satellite navigation, grey, 25000 miles, £23000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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WE RETURN to our Big Interview series after an outing to the Kent County Show last week.

And it's accountant Emma Roberts who gets the grilling, though the cheery Creaseys chief executive seemed to enjoy dispelling the popular view that her profession can be a bit stuffy. We also have an update on plans to privatise Dover docks, where managers are getting a rough passage from the port's operators and locals.

Rightly so, we reckon, when Dover is a primary asset for Kent and the UK.



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Managers agree with Nick's low-key style

By **STEVE LOADER**

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MORE than half of Kent bosses have softened their management stance since the recession, according to new research.

It also showed, perhaps surprisingly, that their political role model in this is Liberal Democrat leader and coalition Government Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg – admired for his open and honest approach – rather than Conservative leader and PM David Cameron.

The new softly, softly attitude in the boardroom comes from the Kent findings in a 5,000-strong nationwide poll of business leaders and employees by Orange and Exeter University.

It showed:

- Fifty-five per cent of Kent bosses have toned down their management style in order to be seen as part of the team.
- Ten per cent of those at the top have refused bonuses – a move welcomed by employees, with 41 per cent saying it had positively changed the way they thought about their boss.
- Thirty-three per cent of bosses now take more interest in the welfare of their workforce.
- Twenty-two per cent of bosses were actively



PICTURE: Ken McKay/ITV/Rea Features

SOFTLY, SOFTLY: Nick Clegg's 'open and honest' approach is widely admired

making more of an effort to bond with staff.

The survey also showed that, despite the potential threat to headcount, staff value a boss seen to have a sound grasp of company finances.

Six out of 10 employees rate this type of leader

as the most effective and successful. This meant being 'good with budgets' was consistently ranked above charisma, academic qualifications and appearance. Just 38 per cent of employees questioned thought being an impressive speaker and communicator was a key factor.

Orange's Martin Stiven said: "The recession has reshaped how we define great leaders and the traits that are now considered as vital ingredients for success, both in and outside the board room."

While the economic climate provides a testing time for leaders, it has also defined new leaders and the 2010 Orange Leader of the Year Award will recognise those individuals who have combined outstanding leadership qualities with exceptional business acumen."

When bosses were also asked which political party leader they would most like to emulate, Nick Clegg scored 24 per cent; David Cameron polled 15 per cent; while Labour's leading light was David Miliband who rated five per cent.

Nearly half of Kent respondents (48 per cent) also claimed politicians and business chiefs associated with making sound financial judgements were now viewed as the better leaders, with Chancellor George Osborne and Bank of England governor Mervyn King topping the list, while former Royal Bank of Scotland boss Sir Fred Goodwin – dubbed 'the world's worst banker' – came last with less than one per cent.

'Deadly' is bowled over by new pitch

KENT and England spin bowling legend 'Deadly' Derek Underwood has given his seal of approval to the new pitch at Kings Hill Cricket Club. The ground is at the heart of Kings Hill, a mixed-use community by Liberty Property Trust UK.

A match between teams of children from the two primary schools at Kings Hill and from the Kent VI Cricket Club for those with visual impairment was staged to inaugurate the new pitch and the former cricketer was guest of honour.

Liberty Property MD Andrew Blevins said: "Village cricket is so much a part of our culture and we are delighted to have been able to provide another recreational facility at Kings Hill."



KEY MOMENT: From left – Peter Robinson of Tonbridge & Malling District Cricket Partnership; Andrew Blevins, Derek Underwood and Brian Bell of Kings Hill Cricket Club

Scream if you want to go faster ...

PRIDE in Kent's new HS1 fast train network might be running high, but bosses would rather see investment in super-fast broadband 'media highways'.

While it's perhaps no surprise that the findings come from a survey by broadband provider Virgin Media Business, 500 firms across Kent and the South East contributed to the 5,000-strong poll and 36 per cent felt

speedier broadband could significantly improve their bottom line.

This was higher than those who believe improved road (24 per cent) or rail (30) infrastructure would bring commercial benefits.

Virgin's Andrew Beckhaus said: "Global figureheads from prime ministers to leading business owners have identified better communications infrastructure, such as fibre-optic

networks, as the linchpin for improving the global economy. We saw a general election packed with policies on how each political party would improve the nation's communications infrastructure. This survey highlights that the issue is still at the forefront of the boardroom agenda and the very real need for businesses to step away from legacy infrastructure towards a faster future."

Comment

DESPITE being bordered by water on three sides, we still have a tendency to look inwards in Kent.

But we should all sit up and take notice of shenanigans down at what is arguably the nation's most important port – Dover (see story opposite).

I thought it odd enough last month that the 'big three' ferry operators – P&O, SeaFrance and Norfolkline – should set aside a usually robust spirit of competition and complain as one about their own abortive talks with Dover Harbour Board (DHB) on the port's future. They were already narked about being asked to chip in £60 million towards a new ferry terminal, while looking at a steep escalation in port charges.

A ferry lines' joint statement then called the discussions "a meaningless waste of time" and not making "one iota of difference to the concerns we have been raising for months".

They were not happy.

Nor were local people who, despite apathy and occasional anger – thanks to Operation Stack – around the rest of Kent, are proud of their port and the jobs it brings to an otherwise depressed area.

Of course, they and the ferry operators and other users know the now outmoded harbour trust must be re-cast to allow port redevelopment and expansion, but they are incensed by the harbour board's approach.

Now the Government has stepped in and quite rightly said: 'Let's have it out in the open and talk properly for the next month', thus giving everyone a chance to see what is on the table, while still imposing a quite reasonable one-month guillotine on the debate.

While it remains to be seen whether the so-called People's Port trust option can be made to work – the current DHB trust's inability to borrow money for re-development is the major reason for the latest upheaval – it means more attention focused on a genuine strategic asset.

We must get it right. There is the worrying thought that yet another piece of the family silver could fall into the hands of a private or foreign investor with little regard for current users, local residents and the wider interests of Kent and the UK.

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STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

GForces' Beast slays all comers at awards

By **STEVE LOADER**

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WEB management experts at GForces landed a big prize at an automotive industry awards ceremony.

The Bearsted-based firm's innovative sales lead tracking software, NetDirector LeadBeast, took the Online Innovation category at the event, staged in London's West End by Motor Trader magazine.

The evening was hosted by TV sports presenter and pundit Ray Stubbs. Motor Trader editor Curtis Hutchinson told the audience: "This year's competition in the Online Innovation Award was extremely high with entrants putting forward products and services of real commercial value to users."

"Judges considered LeadBeast to be a cohesive integrated product and were particularly impressed by its coverage of all the media channels."

GForces describes its award-winning product as "the world's first combined online and offline lead tracking package. The software enables dealers to significantly reduce their cost-per-lead by analysing the effectiveness of indi-



PRIZE GUYS: From left – Motor Trader editor Curtis Hutchinson, Paul Harrison of Specialist Auto Finance, GForces' Tim Smith and Ray Stubbs

vidual marketing campaigns."

GForces' commercial director Tim Smith said: "We're proud that LeadBeast has been recognised in this way. The Motor Trader awards are the most important in the auto retailing world and the fact that the judges voted for our product speaks volumes for its functionality."

"Few businesses have money to burn at the moment, and LeadBeast software can help dealers maximise

their marketing investment. It can measure both online and offline activities. It can tell you whether potential customers have come from the internet, phone calls or direct mail, thus allowing the retailer to focus on the method which best suits their business."

GForces was established in 1999 and now claims to be the UK's leading web management company for the automotive sector.



CLEAR BENEFIT: From left – centre chairman Brian Scott and Jeff Sneller with James and Neville Piper of Elephant

Elephant lends a hand

COSTINGS for new windows at Sandwich Centre for the Retired were crushed after windows and conservatory firm Elephant took on the job.

The Ramsgate-based firm said it would undertake the work at cost price as part of its policy of supporting charities and not-for-profit organisations. Then Elephant drove down costs further by persuading its suppliers to support the project.

Solaglas donated high-performance glass free of charge and aluminium supplier Sapa Building Systems did a deal at cost.

The centre was established in 1980 and caters for up to 60 visitors daily, but only 35 per cent

of funding comes from Kent County Council, with the balance required from active fundraising by the management team.

Vice-chairman Jeff Sneller said: "Our old windows were grotty, stained and horrible."

"Elephant has done us a great service and it's terrific that a local company is prepared to support a charity such as ourselves."

Elephant's production manager James Piper said his firm was only too happy to help: "The centre does so much good work for the retired community in the area. Having spent some time at the site it is clear that the work they do in Sandwich is vital."

Sheps' awards pride

SHEPHERD Neame continues to serve the perfect pint and care for customers.

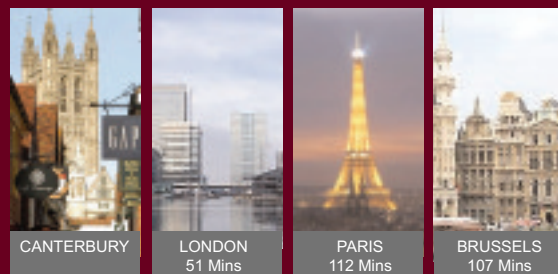
The Faversham-based brewer scooped two accolades at the OnTrack Awards, after a survey by research and consulting company Him questioned more than 4,000 customers to judge quality of service. The brewer took Best Pub Retailer for Quality of Serve and for Efficient Service, scoring highly on such factors as waiting time and cleanliness.

Nigel Bunting, Sheps' retail director, said: "We're delighted to win these OnTrack awards. They're especially pleasing as they were decided by customers and testament to our commitment to training, to high standards of customer service and to serving a great pint."

Him director Tom Fender said the second win in a row reflected "the focus and dedication of the company to excel in these areas".

Shepherd Neame owns more than 360 pubs and hotels across London and the South East, with 248 of them in Kent.

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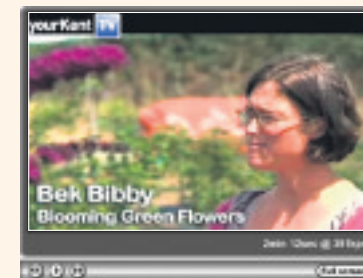
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Julie Maddocks meets Jen Stuart-Smith and Bek Bibby, who have built a business in west Kent offering an eco-friendly alternative to conventional floristry

WEB specialist Netsite has completed a new website for one of Kent's most popular tourist attractions – and its landlord. The firm is based at Chatham Historic Dockyard, where the trust wanted a fresh design to reflect its new corporate identity and more help for visitors.

The new site – www.thedockyard.co.uk – incorporates video and a Plan Your Day feature with easy links to galleries and attractions on site. There is also an interactive map, online shop, news section and photo gallery, along with hundreds of pages of information about the site's history and services on offer.

Netsite MD Paul Duthoit said: "There's so much on offer that it is essential to showcase the different aspects of the dockyard with a well-designed website."

Dockyard marketing manager Anthony Morse said he was particularly pleased with a feature allowing his team to edit and update the site quickly and easily.

EXPERTS at Maidstone-based EMC Corporate Finance have advised on a double acquisition of two UK logistics firms by the giant Australian Toll Group.

The deal is worth A\$150 million and involves Genesis Forwarding, of Eastbourne, and WT Sea Air Group, based in Harmondsworth. Genesis chief executive Doug Currie praised the EMC team: "This deal, with transcontinental and trilateral complications, needed great skill and experience to negotiate and complete."

WHITSTABLE is one of 10 seaside resorts featured in a new generation of Cool Places travel guidebooks for the iPhone and iPad.

It is further sign of the business potential for the Apple devices and mobile media generally. The guides are designed for use over a weekend or a week's holiday; each costs £1.19 at the iTunes online store and some 30 are expected to be available soon.

FOUR UK destinations offered or planned from Kent International Airport at Manston are among the country's top tourism magnets.

Visit Britain – the national tourist office – revealed Edinburgh, Manchester, Glasgow and Inverness as favourites for overnight stays by overseas visitors. The news was welcomed by airport CEO Charles Buchanan. "They are award-winning, stylish destinations that are perfect for short breaks," he said. Flybe already operates a daily service to Edinburgh from Manston, while a new daily service to Manchester, with onward connections to Glasgow and Inverness, starts on September 6.

RECORD overseas visitor numbers have been notched by the University of Kent in Canterbury, which recently won a Best University Accommodation for Groups award for the third consecutive year. Spokesman Kevin Stuckey said: "Our figures are showing an overall increase of 12 per cent on last year, which in itself was a record year. We have also seen huge growth in our B&B bookings, most of which are made online."

Sandra Matthews-March, chief executive of Visit Kent, said: "Visit Britain is predicting in-bound figures for 2010 to be on a similar level to last year, so it's fantastic to see UKC bucking the national trend."

HIGH Street home and garden specialist Robert Dyas has refurbished its Sevenoaks outlet using the chain's new Store of the Future theme, being rolled out at other key outlets. The Blighs Walk unit now has more space and a clearer layout and is one of the first with a new company logo and staff uniforms. It is also set to launch new product ranges.

Minister takes heat out of privatisation dispute

THE shipping minister has called for a month-long cooling-off period on privatisation plans for the Port of Dover.

Mike Penning wants Dover Harbour Board (DHB) to publish further information about its sell-off proposals and more exploration of alternative People's Port options: the Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT) and Share Employee Ownership Trust.

"Dover is a vital piece of our national infrastructure and it's important that residents, port-users and other organisations have a say in its future," said Mr Penning.

He said extending consultation until August 27 would "give all individuals with an interest in the Port of Dover a further and better informed opportunity to comment on the board's proposals".

The newly-elected Conservative MP for Dover and Deal, Charlie Elphicke, said: "I'm delighted the Government has delivered on our election pledge to review the sell-off proposed by the previous government."

"I intend to put forward the People's Port bid so the people can own our port. I remain opposed to the plan for a fire-sale of our port to the French or whoever."

The delay also represents a victory for the port's primary users, ferry operators P&O,



SEA CHANGE: The Port of Dover

SeaFrance and Norfolkline. They broke off "pointless" talks with DHB about their future at the port a month ago, with a joint spokesman claiming: "The board has ignored everything we've said and we believe they are simply playing for time, keeping us at bay while they hope their privatisation approach goes through on the nod."

P&O chief executive Helen Deeble then wrote to Mr Penning advising him of the breakdown with DHB and that, in lieu of an appeals process, her company would make a

formal complaint to the Department for Transport. DHB put on a brave face this week though. Chief executive Bob Goldfield, said: "We are committed to consulting seriously and thoroughly throughout the ongoing restructuring process and this latest representation period fits perfectly with that commitment."

"The momentum for change is building and we now have the chance to explain further how we can achieve positive change through a credible proposal that can work for everyone."

A statement added: "The port remains convinced that its proposal will deliver a strong and viable Port of Dover with the ability and drive to play a bigger part in society, making a real and positive difference to the community and country of which it is proud to be a part."

• LUXURY cruise liners will begin sailings between Dover and New York City next year.

Holland America Line (HAL) has chosen Dover as its UK home port for 2011 and will feature trans-Atlantic trips docking in the Big Apple.

These will include nine round trips between May and August using two ships and Mediterranean, Scandinavian, Baltic and Norwegian fjords cruises are also to be scheduled. Kate O'Hara, marketing director at the Port of Dover, said: "Following on from their increased commitment to Dover this year, we have continued to develop our relationship with HAL which has resulted in this fantastic cruising offer."

New man with the gavel at Hobbs Parker

HOBBS Parker – the Ashford-based auctions and property group – has appointed a new chairman. Jon Rimmer succeeds



JON RIMMER

Richard Wood who retires later in 2010 after 30 years with the group, although he will continue in a consultancy role.

His successor is currently MD of Hobbs Parker Property Consultants, but assists as a senior livestock auctioneer at Ashford market and his background also includes rural estate management. Mr Rimmer

first joined the group as a graduate in 1991, rejoining in 1999 after five years with Halls in Kidderminster and Bruton Knowles in Gloucester.

His appointment comes at a buoyant time for Hobbs Parker, which bucked the economic gloom with strong growth figures for 2009. Mr Rimmer was also bullish. "Richard Wood is leaving the company in a strong position," he said. "I'm delighted to take on the stewardship of the various group businesses and see my appointment as the start of a new chapter. "Hobbs Parker has been trading since 1850 and it's a privilege to be at the helm of one of Ashford's largest employers and such a historic local company. We're a strong and diverse business and I'm extremely optimistic for Hobbs Parker's future."

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'My Business Week ...'

by Richard Metcalfe of Hadlow-based chartered building surveyors Metcalfe Stanley Hicks

MONDAY – Straight into our weekly practice meeting at which we discuss general and administrative issues, marketing priorities for the week, work scheduling and, this week, details of our planned autumn relaunch.

Later an inquiry from a major further education college for a 10-year planned maintenance programme. Then a meeting with a colleague to finalise the specification for a critical adaptation programme for a residential care home for the elderly, followed by a visit to our Essex office for a meeting to discuss social housing projects.

TUESDAY – A day out of the office surveying churches for a Roman Catholic diocese. We are surveying 250 churches to assess overall condition and repair priorities.

Every church is different and today is no exception, with an old stone church in the morning surrounded by other buildings, making surveying difficult, and in the afternoon a modern church with roof problems. The weather is kind and I finish at 4pm with just enough time to return to the office to catch up on the day's events.

WEDNESDAY – To Hampshire, for a detailed survey of a branch of a high street clothes retailer. We have been commissioned by the landlord to survey this half-timbered listed building so dilapidations can be settled at the end of the lease. The building is complex but all parts must be surveyed. Discretion is needed as the staff do not yet know the branch is closing.

THURSDAY – At last a day in the office with no meetings.

Finalise a commercial building survey report on a large industrial unit from last week and then draft the Schedule of Dilapidations from yesterday's survey. Load survey data from Tuesday's churches into the database and compile and issue party wall notices on a London office refurbishment project. Deal with routine office matters and leave before 6pm.

FRIDAY – An early start to draft an expert witness report ready for a court hearing scheduled for two weeks' time.

The case involves a dispute between a private client and a builder over the construction of a large, high-spec house. Pop out of the office to visit a local retail premises where the proprietor is concerned about cracks which have appeared in the building during the recent dry, hot weather.

Back to the office to discuss by phone the implementation of a major programme of repairs to college buildings following on from our planned maintenance programme. It's surprising how much work is involved in spending large sums of money effectively in a relatively short period of time.

A quick review in the office of the events of the week, and priorities for next week, then it's off for the week-end again.



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THE BIG INTERVIEW

Accountants are in the spotlight as the UK crawls from the economic train wreck of the last decade and embarks on an unknown journey with a new Government. One local firm that has seen it all before is Tunbridge Wells-based Creaseys – established in 1860 – but its forward-looking young chief executive is also keen to build in new flexibility to cope with a fast-changing environment. Business editor Steve Loader grabbed time with Creaseys' EMMA ROBERTS and heard how accountancy's boring image could be a thing of the past



Emma Roberts

CREASEYS chief executive Emma Roberts has no argument with accountancy being seen as stuffy, but she will tell you with enthusiasm how much more interesting her profession has become lately.

Creaseys – a UK Top 100 practice – has a wide and varied range of clients including a business in the Falklands, another farming land in the USA, travel agents, haulage, waste disposal and even a chain of hairdressing salons.

"That's when it gets really interesting," she said. "When you start to understand all about these different businesses, how they operate and the personnel involved. Technology has taken the number-crunching element out of the job and freed us to spend more time out there with clients. You can make a bit of an impact, make a contribution. There's more job satisfaction."

"I remember my son asking me what I did and I said, 'I help people', and that is generally what you do. You sit and talk things through. Ultimately, I'm part of a small to medium-size business and a lot of the challenges they face, we face, too."

She is a sign of a changing profession herself, being just 39 and a woman, and cheerfully accepting that the top job in a practice might not have been a possibility just a few years ago: "It's been quite a journey. I joined as the most junior person possible but did different jobs and come to know the firm very well. Tonbridge born

and bred, I also grew up here at Creaseys and they supported me through my training and we got to know each other, warts and all.

"I decided early on I wanted to be a partner and I made that clear to the other partners – I showed my commitment and being a bit different can work in your favour."

"The partnership weren't getting any younger and over the past few years we have had a number of planned retirements and I saw opportunities to create a firm for the future."

She then laughs at one big drawback with strategic planning at an accountancy practice: "I don't really want the partners poring over my figures and telling me, 'You've got that bit wrong and this bit wrong', so I tell them to leave the calculators outside, because I want them to see the strategy rather than spend ages looking at figures."

Joined-up service

She is coy about where the business wants to be within the next few years, but despite the firm more than doubling in turnover and size in the past 20 years – it now employs 90 people – she virtually rules out satellite offices: "Having one site [in Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells] is part of our strength. We have all our specialists under one roof and can easily work together on projects and provide a joined-up service to clients."

"And clients prefer their accountant to come to them, while IT has made location less important. Being in one space also allows us to build a strong culture in the

firm – client service, developing our people – and it's just easier than having two or three offices."

Centralisation is also a boon for networking events, she believes, such as the firm's now traditional post-Budget breakfast, which attracted 200 businesses this year. Pondering the coalition Government's first Budget, she said: "It's now a cliché, but it really was a budget for business designed to pull us out of recession using small businesses, large businesses – all businesses. It makes sense and feels like there is going to be a more strategic way of looking at tax. Previously, regulation was so wide-reaching – monstrous might be another word – making us trawl through the legislation

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EMMA ROBERTS' CV

- 1991 – Started her accountancy career with Creaseys in the small business unit.
- 1995 – Qualified as an accountant and moved to Creaseys' audit and business consultancy division.
- 2003 – Became a partner.
- 2007 – Headed the Creaseys Vision group, comprising partners and team members given the objective of drafting a plan to build the firm of the future.
- 2008 – Named as Creaseys first chief executive.

the fast-changing times



EMMA ROBERTS: 'Technology has freed us to spend more time with clients'

to find out what it all means and what people can and can't do. The new ambition appears to be more consultative."

Asked how the economic climate may change Creaseys, she reckons more business people will seek to cut head count by farming out 'back office' functions.

"If it means outsourcing for a while, then that's what they'll do. We run a bureau services division where people can get us to look after their payroll, book-keeping and company secretarial work. They can turn us off like a tap, but you can't turn off an employee like a tap." Will it also mean a move to smaller and cheaper accountants, though?

Different

"I think small firms deliver a different service to us," said Emma. "We know the businesses we want to look after – they have to be of a certain size to support the specialists required. Rules and regulations have become tighter and tighter. When I joined you could be a general practitioner partner and dabble in everything."

"We like to think we're big enough to offer the specialist support that businesses need, but also small enough that we can offer a personal service to smaller firms."

Again, IT has helped a trend towards a more personal service, and Emma said: "We always say we work with our clients rather than for our clients." But she cheerfully admits that the closer relationship can be double-edged: "They may just phone up for a rant – not at you – but just so that they can get something off their chest. But it's nice that they feel they can ring up and say,

'Emma, you'll never guess what happened to me today.'"

Does Creaseys have a preferred client profile? "Not at all," she said. "It's more mindset – we like to look after businesses who want to plan for the future."

"We've got a big portfolio of high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, farms and then we have our corporate business practice for owner-managed businesses, some multinationals and some listed businesses."

She admitted that like probably every accountancy practice, Creaseys will have a potential client arrive with a suitcase or carrier bags stuffed with receipts, cheque books and a tangle of paperwork, but added: "As long as the client's realistic and doesn't expect a beautifully presented set of accounts next morning, then that's fine."

Despite becoming the firm's first chief executive two years ago, Emma retains a portfolio of clients herself, but this has been cut to less than half what each of the other eight partners handle.

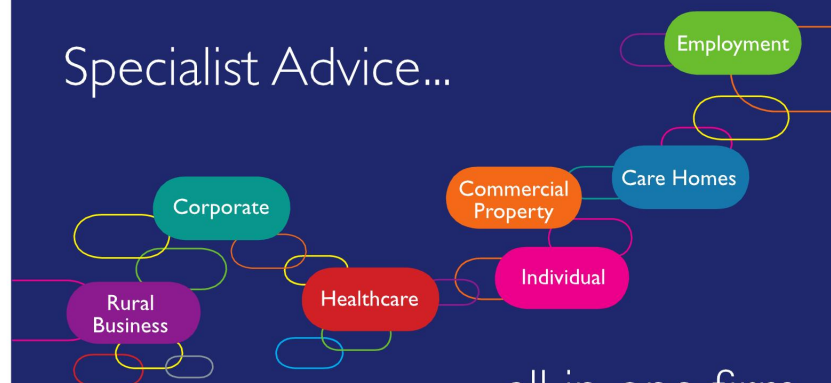
It leaves her free for her management duties: "From signing cheques to getting roped in for anything else really, but communicating is a big part of my job, even if it seems that however much you do, you feel you could always do more."

As a busy 'team captain' at work though, it's probably not surprising she enjoys gardening, pilates and swimming in her spare time. "They're all lone sports and occupations you'll notice," she laughed, quickly adding that she loves time with sons, Jake and Ben, and husband, Peter – family outings to the cinema being a big favourite.

EMMA'S TOP TIPS

- Always seek advice – "It sounds like I'm touting for business, but it's always worth a five-minute chat on the phone with your accountant to check whether there's a better way of doing something or a trap you're unaware of."
- Keep organised – "It might sound patronising, but even a little organisation helps, even if it's an ice-cream tub for receipts. Just get a system that works for you."
- Know your early warning system – "All businesses have key performance indicators that give a good measure of how things are going. For each business they are different, but to be effective those leading the business need to be able to review these indicators on a timely basis and know what they are telling them. For me, an empty office is a good sign – everyone is out working with clients."
- Planning – "Have a plan and know where you're heading. Depending on the organisation this can vary in complexity, but knowing where you want to be and measuring yourself against that is invaluable. Communicating this vision to your team and celebrating shared wins can really bring a team together."
- Get the right financial 'road map' – "Make sure you can rely on the financial information your business produces. You need to be able to make decisions based on what it's telling you. Without this you are really driving in the dark without lights."
- Know your target customer and build your proposition around this.
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Not on the train but at the workstation



WORK SPACE: Landlords can benefit from the growing trend for telecommuting

LANDLORDS have been told to get their houses in order to meet a growing trend for telecommuting.

Soaring fuel prices, parking charges, congestion and stress levels are persuading more people to cancel their commute and work from home instead, according to Belvoir Lettings, which has an office in Victoria Street, Rochester.

Belvoir's chief executive Mike Goddard said: "As employers offer greater flexibility regarding work hours and location, a growing number of employees are taking advantage and working from a dedicated space at home."

"An increasing number of tenants now have a home office high on their list of criteria and landlords should be responding to this. Some landlords may not have the option of devoting

By **STEVE LOADER**

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an entire room to office space but, for those that do, a relatively small investment can add considerable letting appeal to their property."

Belvoir has identified the key components to be considered when creating an attractive working area in the home:

- Ample phone and electrical sockets – any home worker will need a phone and internet connection, and possibly a fax machine.

- Furniture or the space in which a tenant can put his own – every office needs a desk and storage space and it's important to consider where furniture might go when installing sockets.

Fitting out small spaces is challenging but pos-

sible with the right furniture and imagination.

- Lighting – every home worker needs good lighting. If the space is small and doesn't benefit from a window, appropriate low-intensity lighting should be used.

- Colour – paint the space a calming cool blue or a motivational zesty yellow so the tenant can imagine working in their office and using it straight away. Colours like bright pink are best avoided.

Mr Goddard said: "Even if the space is used only for organising bills or students doing homework, landlords need to realise the demand for a dedicated working space – the kitchen table just won't suffice any more."

With millions now working from home across the UK, landlords should be considering the changing market and making provisions for it."

Staples galore and there's 30 jobs as well

OFFICE supermarket giant Staples has opened its first store in Tunbridge Wells, but there was little of the proverbially stuffy office environment about it.

Attractions included a stilt-walker, jazz band, face-painters and fun giveaways, plus the bonus of 30 new local jobs at the 10,000 sq ft store.

General manager Nick Stephens said: "I'm really looking forward to the challenge of driving the business forward. Tunbridge Wells is close to my heart – I grew up in Kent and this is the first time I've been back in many years."

But the stationer was unable to reveal any big changes in the staple needs of offices – the top 10 sellers at its 137 stores nationwide look remarkably familiar:

- 1 Copy paper
- 2 Mini notebooks
- 3 Folder dividers
- 4 Storage boxes
- 5 Plastic punched pockets for folders
- 6 Post-it Notes
- 7 Self-seal envelopes
- 8 Highlighter pens
- 9 Pitt Sticks
- 10 Pencil sharpeners

But though the products may be familiar there has been a change in the type of customer according to marketing chief Louise Rowles: "As well as being there for big business, we've noticed an increasing number of start-ups and home businesses in our customer database."



THIRSTY WORK: The dockyard's longest-serving visitor host, Alan Rayner, with newest staff member, Jen Taylor, at Sheps' brewery

Ale and hearty tribute

TWO of Kent's best known names joined forces to mark the opening of No.1 Smithery – a multi-million-pound museum and gallery opening at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Brewer Shepherd Neame and the dockyard trust launched a limited edition beer – also named No.1 Smithery – for selected Medway pubs and designed as a tribute to the new gallery.

Faversham-based Sheps was inspired by the old dockyard tradition of giving Smithery workers an extra daily allowance of light beer. In the 19th century it was thought healthier for men labour-

ing to craft ships' parts in the blistering heat of the smithery to quench their thirst with a beer rather than the local water supply.

Dockyard trust chief executive Bill Ferris said: "Like the brewery, we share a long Kentish history and Shepherd Neame has always been a great supporter of the dockyard and the No.1 Smithery project."

The new ale will be on sale at The Ship and Trades, Alexandra Hotel and General at Sea, Chatham; United Services, Gillingham; Two Brewers, Rochester; and Tudor Rose in Upnor.



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Avoiding nasty shocks at end of your lease

By **SARAH EASTON**

WHEN setting up a new business or moving to new business premises, tenants will consider various start-up costs and many will relate to the lease.

They may include legal costs, surveyors' and search fees, rent deposit, duties/taxes and fit-out costs, but how many tenants think about the costs at the end of their lease?

Not many, but they should. At the end of the lease term a tenant is required to 'yield up' or hand back the premises to the landlord.

Sounds simple, but it's not just a case of handing back the keys. The tenant will have had obligations under the lease, including keeping the property in repair, clean and properly decorated. The lease will also usually contain obligations relating to alterations and signage.

Breaches

Generally a tenant remains liable beyond the end of the lease for breaches of its obligations which occurred during the term of the lease, and the landlord can sue for any breach.

There could be obligations requiring a tenant to remove fixtures and alterations at the end of the lease and put the property back into the state it was in at the beginning.

This could be expensive and it may be unnecessary. The tenant should speak with the landlord to clarify whether any of the alterations may be of use to the next tenant.

Or maybe the landlord intends to gut the premises and carry out a refurbishment.

When negotiating a lease, a tenant should include an obligation requiring the landlord to specify if they want removal of any alterations and, even better, only if it is reasonable to do so. However, the landlord wants to be



YIELD UP: But make sure your obligations under the lease to hand back the property in a good state of repair don't lead to a schedule of dilapidations – and a crippling repair bill

able to re-let the property as soon as possible and therefore needs the property to be in the best possible condition. If the tenant hasn't repaired the property the landlord may serve a schedule of dilapidations on the tenant.

This will set out all items of disrepair and a cost for putting them right.

Usually a landlord will not require a tenant to carry out the works, but will require the tenant to pay for the cost of the works, plus a sum equivalent to the rent that would have been payable while the works are carried out.

The tenant must also pay the cost of

preparing the schedule of dilapidations.

A tenant should ask for a limit to be placed on the time a landlord can serve a schedule of dilapidations, otherwise the tenant could find themselves left open to a claim for many years after the lease has come to an end.

When considering a limit, the landlord should think about how long he realistically needs to arrange an inspection and survey of the property.

• **Sarah Easton is an associate with law firm Thomson Snell and Passmore, of Tunbridge Wells and Greenhithe.**



CENTRE OF ATTENTION: Hazel Causer

Hazel joins the Basepoint team

BASEPOINT Business Centres has appointed a new area manager for its south of England operations.

Hazel Causer is responsible for six centres across Kent and Essex, but previously spent almost 20 years in the licensed retail trade, most recently as brand operations manager for 15 UK Jongleurs comedy clubs. Brian Andrews, executive director of Basepoint, said: "We want to ensure our centres are operating effectively and giving maximum support to the start-ups and SMEs based within each centre."

"This is enhanced by assistance from area managers with expertise in multi-site management as well as considerable experience in a diverse portfolio of business sectors."

Basepoint has 26 flexible business centres – including four in Kent at Canterbury, Chatham, Folkestone and Northfleet – with easy-in easy-out licence agreements, quality managed services, meeting rooms, free parking, training and development services.

The company is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ACT Foundation, a grant-making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need and deriving its income from a property portfolio including Basepoint.

Risky to cut corners on insurance

SEVENOAKS-based Townergate Risk Solutions is urging commercial property owners to review the rebuilding costs of their properties and make sure they are adequately insured.

This follows recent research by Aviva which revealed that under-insurance is a real risk for property owners. The findings indicate 77 per cent of professionally valued buildings are actually under-insured, putting commercial

property owners' investment at risk.

Typical oversights in completing insurance valuations include the costs of removing debris, architects' and surveyors' fees, walls, gates, fences, garages and other outbuildings. Recession has also brought its own problems because while property values might have plummeted, rebuilding costs have not fallen to the same extent, and some business owners may be tempted to cut the cost of

their insurance by basing cover on the lower market value of their property.

Townergate CEO Andy White said: "Under-insurance is a real problem for property owners and cutting the cost of insurance can be a false economy."

"We urge property owners to speak with their broker who can advise on cover information and ensure property owners are not faced with any nasty surprises when making a claim."

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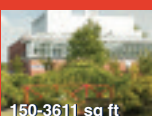
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A chequered history

Kent's legendary Brands Hatch Grand Prix Circuit celebrates its 50th anniversary this month. TOM HOWARD charts the success of the old Formula One track

IT HAS provided thousands of fans with unforgettable memories and launched the careers of some of the world's most successful racers.

The Brands Hatch Grand Prix Circuit celebrates its 50th anniversary this weekend and despite half a century of racing, it is still regarded as one of the most challenging tests.

The West Kingsdown circuit dates back to 1926 when it was a grasstrack venue used by cyclists and motorcycle riders.

In 1950 a tarmac surface was laid in the form of today's 1.2-mile Brands Hatch Indy circuit where motor races were staged. However, the Grand Prix loop was only added in 1959 and opened in 1960 after Brands was granted planning permission by Kent County Council amid some opposition from nearby residents.

The extension doubled the length of the circuit to 2.3 miles and was never built with hosting the Grand Prix in mind, instead, to preserve scrambling routes which had been used by bikers in the past.

The first car meeting to be held on the track was a Formula One race for the Silver City Trophy in August, 1960. A crowd of 60,000 turned up to watch the likes of John Surtees, Jack Brabham, Graham Hill, and Jim Clark do battle. The race was won by Brabham.

Four years later the circuit won the right to host the British Grand Prix on alternate years with Silverstone in Northamptonshire. Brands Hatch hosted its first Grand Prix in 1964, won by Clark, and went on to be the venue for 11 more



F1 FINALE: Nigel Mansell won the last Formula One Grand Prix to be held at Brands in 1986



MODERN SERIES: The A1GP series held its British Grand Prix at Brands in 2005

racers. The last Grand Prix at Brands Hatch was won by Nigel Mansell 24 years ago.

Famous names such as Ayrton Senna, Alain Prost, James Hunt, Jackie Stewart, Giacomo Agostini, Damon Hill, Mika Hakkinen, Carl Fogarty and Lewis Hamilton have all gone on to race around the famous circuit with varying success.

While the circuit may never host another F1 Grand Prix, it still remains a much-loved track by drivers and riders, and highly regarded in international motorsport.

The F1 cars of the past have been replaced by championships like A1GP, British Superbikes, World Touring Cars and DTM which all still draw massive crowds.

Jonathan Palmer, circuit owner and a former F1 driver, said: "The Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit is regarded by many F1 Grand Prix legends as one of the most challenging in the world, which makes it all the more satisfying to race on."

"With its dramatic sweeping undulations and the unique nature of every corner, it is one of those circuits that as a driver you just know at the end of every lap there is a bit more time that can be found on the next – and that is so rare and exciting."

This Sunday the circuit hosts round seven of the Superleague Formula Championship.

BRANDS HATCH GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT MAGIC MOMENTS

1964: Brands Hatch host its inaugural Formula One Grand Prix, won by Scotsman Jim Clark.

1970: Australian Jack Brabham misses out on winning British Grand Prix after running out of fuel two corners from the chequered flag, handing victory to Jochen Rindt.

1976: On the way to becoming F1 world champion, James Hunt wins the British Grand Prix.

1980: Desire Wilson becomes the first woman to win an F1 race in the British F1 Championship. The race included former World Motorcycle champion Giacomo Agostini, who finished fourth.

1985: Nigel Mansell clinched his first F1 victory in the European Grand Prix. Mansell beat Ayrton Senna to the chequered flag with Alain Prost in fourth.

1986: 'Mansell Mania' returned to Brands Hatch as he won the last Grand Prix to be held at the circuit, in front of a record 115,000 spectators.

1995: Carl Fogarty completed a sensational double win in the World Superbike Championship on the way to recording his second world title.

2003: Shane Byrne, a surprise wild card entry for the race, shocked the World Superbike Championship with a stunning double win. Byrne went on to win the British Superbike title that season.

2005: The revolutionary A1GP 'World Cup of Motorsport' hosted its inaugural race at the venue in front of a bumper crowd. Nelson Piquet Jr won the race for Brazil.

2007: James Toseland virtually secured his only World Superbike Championship title with an impressive double win.

2009: Colin Turkington won a dramatic three-way title fight in the final round of the British Touring Car Championship to become champion.

2010: Andy Priaulx became the most successful driver in the World Touring Car Championship after recording his 16th career win.

Superbike duo eye home victory

TO WIN a race on home soil is a special feeling and this is exactly what Leon Camier and Shane Byrne hope to achieve in today's British round of the World Superbike Championship.

The pair line up on the grid at the newly-configured Silverstone circuit on Sunday as two of seven Brits gunning to impress in front a bumper home crowd in Northamptonshire.

Ashford-born Camier will be considered

an outside contender for the race, although the 23-year-old is yet to record a win since he stepped up to the world championship this year.

The works Aprilia rider has enjoyed his debut season in the series, impressing fellow riders and fans with two podium finishes. His best result, a second place finish, came in America in May.

The reigning British Superbike champion, lying ninth in the rider standings, hopes he can go one better on home soil this afternoon.

He said: "We're definitely capable of getting on to the podium at least once this



Picture: ALTHEA RACING

TOUGH SEASON: A win on home soil would give Shane Byrne's season a vital boost

weekend, that'll be my aim, but I know there's six other Brits all wanting to make the home crowd proud.

"The bike still isn't doing exactly what I need it to and we haven't seen it get substantially better since I first jumped on it. To be honest, I don't think it's going to be something we can solve in the near future, but we've seen that even when the odds are stacked against us, we can be up there."

While Byrne has endured a difficult season with Althea Ducati, the Sheppey rider has an extensive knowledge of Silverstone which he will use to his advantage today.

The 34-year-old two-time British champion has won on previous occasions at the circuit and the new configuration could prove to be a leveller for the entire field.

Shakey is yet to finish on the podium this campaign, but today's race could be his best opportunity for silverware this season.



CONTENDER: ASHFORD'S Leon Camier is searching for his first World Superbike win



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Dobriskey eyes Euro gold

Star 'hungry' for Barcelona 1500m win to help her on road to London Olympics

By **TOM HOWARD**

MIDDLE distance specialist Lisa Dobriskey will use Sunday night's European Championships 1500m final as a dress rehearsal for the London 2012 Olympics.

The 26-year-old is expected to finish in a medal-winning position at the championships in Barcelona to underline her reputation as one of the world's best, after having won silver at the World Championships last year.

Preparing for the tournament hasn't been easy as the Ashford athlete has been battling back from a niggling back injury, but a succession of strong performances, including a fourth-placed finish in Paris in July, means she goes into the final with some form.

It's been four years since Dobriskey won her last and only gold in major championships at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, and this is something she hopes to rectify.

She said: "The Europeans is a really important meeting for me as this will be one of the last major championships before the Olympics.

"I'm hungry to win gold and I really hope to come back home with a medal at least. Things have been going well in the lead up to the event and I seem to be peaking at the right time.

"There will be a lot of pressure on me and all the Great Britain athletes, but it is great to compete with this pressure. When London comes around the pressure will be massively increased, so it's great to practice performing under pressure."

While Dobriskey is gunning for gold, Blackheath & Bromley sprinter Montell Douglas could complete a sensational comeback from injury if she is selected for the



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

NOW GOLD: Lisa Dobriskey after winning silver at the World Championships in Berlin last year

4x100m relay final on Sunday night. The 24-year-old, who grew up in Chatham, was a surprise selection for the Great Britain team after suffering with a serious knee injury for the majority of the season.

Douglas, who was part of the Great Britain relay squad at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, only competed in handful of meetings this season before receiving a call up in last month. This is her first European Championships.

Open always 'special' to ex-champ Stupples

DESPITE spending most of the year playing on the lucrative LPGA Tour in North America, Karen Stupples admits there are few tournaments she looks forward to more than the Women's British Open.

The tournament provided the 37-year-old with a career highlight when she won at Sunningdale in 2004.

This year's event, which began on Thursday and finishes on Sunday, is at Royal Birkdale, a renowned links course which is similar to the east Kent courses Stupples played on growing up in Deal.

Although she has lived in Florida for several years to play on the LPGA Tour, Stupples relishes her annual pilgrimages to Europe.

She said: "It's always special. Coming and playing in the British Open is what I look forward to all year. It's my home tournament and it's a major, so it's got everything you could wish for.

"I grew up playing links courses and it's a feel game. You have to have a little creativity at a British Open, you'll play shots here that

you wouldn't anywhere else, and I really enjoy that challenge."

Stupples began with a bang in Thursday's opening round, holing her second shot for an eagle at the third hole, but speaking before the tournament she was not putting any pressure on herself.

She said: "Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to win on Sunday.

"I'm hoping to play for another 10 years so it's not going to be my last crack at it. If I can leave this week saying I've done everything I could have done, I'll be happy."

Gravesend's Claire Aitken just missed out claiming a place at Royal Birkdale.

The 24-year-old entered final qualifying at Hillside Golf Club on Monday, but a three-over-par round of 75 saw her miss out on a play-off by just one shot.

FORMER CHAMPION:
Karen Stupples

Picture:
ADY KERRY

Duo showcase talent by medal haul in Canada

BLACKHEATH & Bromley athletes Sophie Hitchon and Dan Putnam increased their 2012 Olympic dreams after winning medals at the World Junior Athletics Championships.

The competition held in Moncton, Canada, last week saw the world's most talented track and field prospects compete against each other in the prestigious tournament.

Hitchon, who competes for her home town Blackburn as well as Blackheath & Bromley, stole the headlines with an impressive display in the hammer to become world junior champion. The 19-year-old went into the event ranked fourth in the world, but produced an effort of 66.01-metres to take the gold medal.

Club spokesman Pat Calnan said: "It's great for the club. Sophie has been competing for us in a number of events and her success gives some of the young athletes at the club something to aspire to."

Putnam enjoyed success in the 4x400m relay as he was part of the Great Britain team which took bronze in the final. Maidstone-based hurdler Jack Green was also part of



Picture: ADY KERRY

RELAY MEDAL: Dan Putman

the quartet that finished third after receiving a surprise call up on the day.

The 18-year-old finished fifth in the 400m hurdles final, just three tenths of a second adrift of the bronze medal. He recorded a new personal best of 50.49 seconds in the final.

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Ahead of the Games

With just two years remaining until the start of the London Olympics, chief sports reporter **DAVID PRITCHARD** looks at how Kent is performing in the race to attract overseas teams to set up pre-Games training camps here



PRE-GAMES TRAINING VENUES IN KENT

- Angel Centre, Tonbridge (FENCING)
- Arrow Riding and Carriage Centre, Dartford (EQUESTRIAN: DRESSAGE)
- Bedgebury Pinetum, Cranbrook (MOUNTAIN BIKE)
- Bewl Water, T Wells (CANOE/KAYAK: FLATWATER)
- Brands Hatch (CYCLING: ROAD)
- Canterbury Christ Church University (BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, FENCING)
- Canterbury High School (11 SPORTS INCLUDING PARALYMPIC)
- Chilham Park, Canterbury (EQUESTRIAN: EVENTING)
- City of Canterbury Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (GYMNASTICS: RHYTHMIC)
- Dartford Judo Club (JUDO, PARALYMPIC JUDO)
- Deal Gymnastics Centre (GYMNASTICS: ARTISTIC)
- Fowlmead Country Park, Deal (CYCLING: BMX, MOUNTAIN BIKE, ROAD)
- Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham (ARCHERY, FOOTBALL)
- Great Chart Golf & Leisure, Ashford (BEACH VOLLEYBALL)
- Hadlow College (EQUESTRIAN: DRESSAGE, EVENTING, JUMPING)
- Howard Table Tennis Centre, Rainham (TABLE TENNIS)
- Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford (ATHLETICS)
- Jumpers Rebound Centre, Gillingham (TRAMPOLINE)
- Maidstone Leisure Centre & Mote Park (BEACH VOLLEYBALL)
- Margate Beach (BEACH VOLLEYBALL)
- Marlowe Academy, Ramsgate (ATHLETICS)
- Meapa Gymnastics Centre (GYMNASTICS: ARTISTIC)
- Medway Badminton Association Centre, Gillingham (BADMINTON)
- Medway Park, Gillingham (22 SPORTS, INCLUDING PARALYMPIC)
- Nurstead Court, Meopham (EQUESTRIAN: DRESSAGE, EVENTING, JUMPING)
- Pegasus Gymnastics Club, Maidstone (GYMNASTICS: ARTISTIC)
- Penshurst Off Road Cycling Circuit, Penshurst (CYCLING: BMX, MOUNTAIN BIKE, ROAD)
- Polo Farm Sports Club, Canterbury (HOCKEY, WHEELCHAIR TENNIS)
- Princes Park Stadium, Dartford (ARCHERY, FOOTBALL)
- Sevenoaks School (10 SPORTS, INCLUDING PARALYMPIC)
- St Lawrence Cricket Ground, Canterbury (ARCHERY)
- Stour Centre, Ashford (11 SPORTS INCLUDING PARALYMPIC)
- Sutton Valence School, Maidstone (ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, FENCING)
- The Valley Leisure Centre, Folkestone (FIVE PARALYMPIC SPORTS)
- Tonbridge School (ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, FENCING, HOCKEY, JUDO, MODERN PENTATHLON)
- Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre (FENCING, MODERN PENTATHLON)
- University of Kent, Canterbury (21 SPORTS INCLUDING PARALYMPIC)

TRAINING DEALS ALREADY SIGNED

- Medway Park, Canterbury High School, Sevenoaks School (PAPUA NEW GUINEA PARALYMPIC TEAM)
- Medway Park – Barbados Paralympic team, Portugal (GYMNASTICS)
- Jumpers Rebound Centre – Portugal (TRAMPOLINE)
- Pegasus Gymnastics Centre – Slovenia (GYMNASTICS)
- Tonbridge School – Belarus and Ukraine (JUDO)

UK-WIDE TRAINING CAMPS

(Up to June 2010, not including Team GB)

- Kent – 6
- Manchester – 3
- Suffolk – 3
- Wales – 3
- Yorkshire – 3
- Avon – 2
- Birmingham – 2
- London – 2
- North East – 2
- Scotland – 2
- Bedfordshire – 1
- Cambridgeshire – 1
- Leicestershire – 1
- Sussex – 1
- Northern Ireland – 0
- North West – Malawi (TBC)
- South East – Columbia Paralympic (TBC)

HARD work behind the scenes has put Kent “streets ahead” of the rest of the country in signing up international teams for pre-Olympic training camps.

Agreements have been struck with six national Olympic and Paralympic committees so far to use facilities in Kent, twice the number in Manchester and Wales and three times as many as London and Scotland.

Of the 37 deals confirmed in the UK by last month, 16 per cent – or one out of every six – have involved venues in Kent.

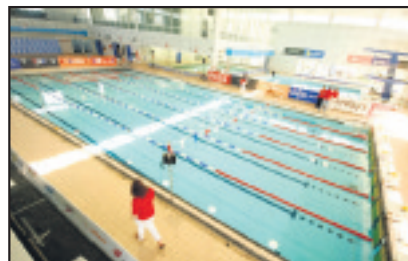
This week the countdown until the opening ceremony passed the two-year mark. Competition between regions to attract countries has been fierce and is likely to intensify as the Games draw nearer, particularly after the end of the Commonwealth Games in October.

Praised

Kent's sporting venues performed well to get on the shortlist of approved training camps, which was distributed worldwide at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. The county was praised at the time for its approach, which looked to combine local facilities together into consortia in an effort to make them more attractive.

Although only a relatively small number of deals have been concluded so far, Chris Hesse, head of sport, leisure and Olympics at Kent County Council, is delighted with the progress and expects more news shortly.

“We are streets ahead and we have more in



MAKING A SPLASH: Medway Park's facilities will be used by Olympians and Paralympians and can take up to 22 sports

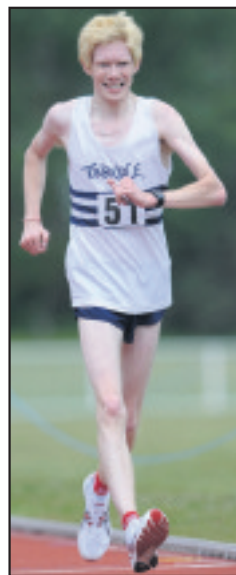
the pipeline, so we're very confident,” he said.

“We have focused on 10 of our strongest sports or facilities and targeted all the nations that competed in the last three Olympics.

“We've produced DVDs, followed them up with letters and met officials when they've come over here. One way or another, we have made contact with a lot of nations.”

The county's proximity to Olympic Park in Stratford and major airports gives it a big advantage over others. It also shares the same climate, which is an important factor as countries look to acclimatise their teams.

Despite this, Kent's success so far should not be underestimated, with a huge amount of work going into securing each deal. Lindsey Horton, 2012 Pre-Games training camp manager at Tourism South East, admitted the agreements varied markedly from one country to the next and could be complex.



AMBITION: Tom Boswell

Boswell eyes a walk in the Olympic Park

AS WELL as the prospect of hundreds of overseas athletes training in Kent ahead of the Olympics, the excitement is building for the county's own 2012 hopefuls.

Ashford's Lisa Dobriskey is one the county has high hopes for, but one rising talent looking to force his way into the reckoning is Tom Bosworth.

The 20-year-old, from Tonbridge Athletic Club, is in contention for selection at the Commonwealth Games in October after finishing second in the five-kilometre walk at the UK Championships earlier this summer.

Despite the prospect of his first major competition on the hori-

zon, thoughts of the Olympics dominate.

He said: “At the start of the season 2012 was a dream, but now it's realistic. Obviously we are two years from the Olympics and it's massively exciting for an athlete.

“To be selected would be special and the support the athletes receive abroad is fantastic, so to be competing in an Olympics on home soil would be unreal.

“I haven't been able to get to Olympic Park yet, but I'm desperate to get down there at some point. I think once I get another winter training session in my legs, I will start to prepare for it.”

She said: “The chances of someone coming to Kent on one trip and signing in a day are unlikely. There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make sure the relationships work well for everyone.

“It has to work for the local community and the team; we have to get the balance right.

“Kent are pro-active and working really hard and the fact they have secured those teams is a good sign.”

The camps themselves are a key part of the London Organising Committee's vision to spread the Olympic dividend across the country.

To help entice teams, each country's Olympic and Paralympic committee which agrees to use a camp is being offered up to £25,000 to contribute toward the costs. The money will then be fed back into local communities where the teams are staying.

The economic benefits are potentially huge. Birmingham City Council has spent a reported £400,000 to attract the track and field teams from Jamaica and the United States in the belief the likes of Usain Bolt will generate £15 million for the local economy.

While none of the teams signed up in Kent are in the same league, the advantages of bringing teams are already being felt.

Hesse said: “Slovenia [whose gymnasts will train in Maidstone] are already saying ‘let's have a special relationship between Kent and Slovenia’, which we are now pursuing. We're talking about long-term benefits, not just trying to get by. We want long-term links over a number of years.”

Judo club grabs at chance to build ties

THE biggest single pre-Games deal agreed to date saw Belarus and Ukraine's judo teams commit last September to train in Tonbridge.

Less than a year on, the advantages have been dramatic, with strong ties built between the two eastern European countries and Tonbridge Judo Club.

Both sent teams to train at the club's first international training camp last December, while some of Tonbridge's brightest talents have spent time training in Kiev. The club has since become an ExCell centre, with the region's best players training in west Kent once a week.

Chris Bowles, head coach at Tonbridge, is optimistic this year's pre-Christmas training camp will see more countries commit to Olympic deals.

He said: “This sort of arrangement is absolutely phenomenal. It means a lot because it will not just give our judo players an opportunity, but it also means education, cultural visits, it opens up massive links. It puts us on the map.”

By GLENN PEARSON

THE OLDEST cricket festival returns next week with a promise from Kent bosses: it will be the same as it has been for the last 168 years.

Canterbury Cricket Week, a festival steeped in tradition, dates back to 1842 and has been on the Kent fixture list every year since then, apart from the years of the two World Wars.

Somerset are the visitors to the St Lawrence Ground for the festival, which is held a little earlier in the week this year, with the first day's play starting this Tuesday.

A feature of the festival is the marquee tents positioned around the boundary edge, while other long-held traditions includes ladies' day and the laying of the wreath at the foot of the Colin Blythe memorial.

One addition to this year's festival will see a Spitfire plane grounded near the Lime Tree as a celebration of the 70th year of the Battle of Britain, while ladies' day will be on Wednesday this year, rather than the traditional Thursday.

Chief executive Jamie Clifford said: "The great thing about Canterbury week is that it doesn't change, it will be very much the same as it was 168 years ago. It has that special feel, cricket week, and to be honest it's nice to go back to basics after all the twenty20."

"The county show is obviously a big event, but I'm not sure there is a bigger or higher profile county-wide event, certainly in a sporting context, than cricket week. Certainly in cricket it is the oldest festival in the country and others are now following suit, Derbyshire just had their first, so we must be on to a good thing."

Atmosphere

While the ground is expected to be full and festooned with tents and stools to create a festival atmosphere, matters on the pitch are equally significant, with Kent still in need of points to stay up in Division One of the LV= County Championship.

Head coach Paul Farbrace is well aware of the tradition of the festival, and said his side will be keen to put on a good show, while also taking advantage of it being the second of three important home games.

"Cricket at Canterbury is steeped in tradition and cricket week is one of those sporting events on the calendar that people look forward to," he said.

"I think we have an opportunity in the next three games, which are all at Canterbury, to get some points, move ourselves up the table and play some really good cricket."

"It's a chance to show the Kent public in home games that we have got some very committed and very talented players and we have

Kent go back to their roots for festival



St Lawrence chief's pledge that 2010 Canterbury Cricket Week will remain true to historic past

OBSTACLE: A Spitfire plane will sit next to the lime tree at St Lawrence to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, at this year's festival week at St Lawrence

got to start showing people that we can play."

Play on Tuesday starts at 11am.

■ ALAN KNOTT, England's outstanding wicketkeeper-batsman of the post-war era, will make a rare return to St Lawrence for a dinner to mark the 40th anniversary of Kent's County Championship triumph in 1970.

Knott, who now lives in Cyprus, will be

reunited on September 10 with other members of the side who beat the odds by surging from bottom place at the end of June to claim Kent's first championship pennant since 1913.

• Those interested in attending the dinner should keep an eye on the club's website at www.kentccc.com.



NOWHERE NEAR: Paul Scally's dream of new stadium for Gillingham

Recession puts boot into Scally's stadium hopes

A BLEAK economic climate means Gillingham's plans to build a new stadium remain a long way from reality, according to chairman Paul Scally.

A move away from Priestfield's cramped surroundings to a modern home has been mooted for years and is seen as vital to securing the club's long-term future. But little progress has been made since a proposed site at nearby Cuxton fell through in 2004 due to problems with transport links.

The new stadium is still on Scally's agenda, but its success depends on selling Priestfield as a residential development.

Under the existing market conditions, there is little appetite for such a project.

The Gills chief said: "I think we're just keeping the business going at the moment is the best way to describe it. It's a difficult business to run, as any business is at the moment. We're still talking about [a new stadium], and trying to move it forward, but not at any great pace."

"We haven't got the finances for it at the moment and we haven't got the enabling development, which would have been residential, but until the residential market improves there's no hunger to do residential developments the world over. So until the world economy improves then our chances of getting a stadium won't either."

On the pitch the team begins its League Two campaign at home to Cheltenham next weekend. After suffering relegation from the third tier in May, Scally has set high standards for the start of Andy Hessenthaler's second spell in charge.

He said: "We do expect promotion, we don't want anything less than promotion. Andy knows, I've told him, that anything less than promotion this season is failure."

"That brings a pressure on us, which we should have. All we need to be focused on is getting promoted and not via the play-offs, but through automatic promotion."

Lashings owner unveils plans to offer Maidstone rescue package



FINANCE: David Folb says his plans will allow Stones boss Peter Nott to strengthen his squad

THE man who wants to take over Maidstone United, David Folb, says his primary concern is to restructure the club's finances – and that he will largely leaving the playing side alone.

Folb, owner of the Lashings World XI cricket side, announced he was prepared to put together a rescue package for the club in an exclusive interview with our website, www.kentnews.co.uk this week.

Finance

His offer was welcomed by chairman Paul Bowden-Brown, but a deal is yet to be finalised.

Folb said: "I hear the structure of football in Maidstone United is pretty good, it's just the business side that's the problem."

"My side will be more on the finance. I have known Tony Cornwell [Maidstone assistant manager] for a long time and I know that he knows a lot about football."

"I have never met Peter Nott [the Stones'

manager] but I've heard nothing but good things about him."

Folb said he hoped to be able to support Nott and Cornwell in a bid to strengthen the squad.

"My job will be to organise from the back-ground, so there will be better players available to the management," he said.

The club is in turmoil after talks involving a possible takeover by shareholder Oliver Ash collapsed last Saturday.

Bowden-Brown was expecting to stand down, but reluctantly agreed to continue after Ash withdrew his bid.

Ash, who owns 25 per cent of the club, intends to pursue repayment of a loan of £100,000 he made after purchasing his shareholding in February, 2008.

The club were expected to confirm a groundsharing agreement with Sittingbourne this week, after their deal with Ashford Town came to an abrupt end.

County release duo

KENT have released Rob Ferley and Warren Lee from their contracts.

Left-arm spinner Ferley (pictured) arrived back at the club in 2009 after a spell with Nottinghamshire, having made his first-class debut for Kent in 2001.

The 28-year-old found his opportunities limited due to injury and form and has consequently been released and is expected to play Minor Counties cricket.

Lee signed a development contract ahead of the season after showing glimpses of promise in the Pro40 last year, but hasn't featured in the first-team at all this summer.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "Both Rob and Warren are talented players in their own right so it is disappointing to see them leave, but the time has come for them to take on new challenges."



Town court drama

ASHFORD Town are expecting to be allowed to play competitive football this season after entering administration this week.

The club's future looked to be in doubt as a long-running dispute between former co-owners Don Crosbie and Tony Betteridge reached its climax in a High Court hearing on Thursday.

Crosbie petitioned to put the club into administration so decisions could be made and debts paid off, something that couldn't be done before as the two directors each held a 50 per cent share in the club. This was in response to Betteridge's winding-up order, served last month in an attempt to close the club down and reform, which was not accepted in court.

Having resigned from the Ryman League last week, Town face a race against time to be accepted in the Kent League, which starts next Saturday, but Crosbie believes Ashford will have a senior side this coming season.

He said: "It was a successful day for the club, not for Don Crosbie personally I would like to add. The winding up petition was removed which is great and it means the football club can survive."

"I'm confident the league will vote Ashford in, providing everything can be sorted out. The ban will be lifted immediately once whoever buys the club pays the fees."

• *Details of who bought the club were due to be announced after Kent on Sunday went to press. For the latest, visit www.kentnews.co.uk.*



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Paceman wants to re-sign but is waiting for a new contract offer

WANTS TO STAY:

Amjad Khan

Picture: ADY KERRY



KENT are in the driving seat to sign Amjad Khan after his agent revealed the fast bowler's preferred option is to stay with the county.

We revealed in last week's Kent on Sunday that Somerset and Sussex were in talks with the Danish-born quick bowler as the player is in the last year of his contract at St Lawrence.

Those talks, according to Khan's agent, David Fulton, are "ongoing" although it was made clear the 29-year-old's favoured option would be to sign a new deal at Kent.

Eager

Despite indicating their intention to keep the player, Kent are yet to offer Khan, who played one Test for England in 2008, a new deal. Fulton, who himself played at Kent for 14 years, said Khan is eager to find out what the offer from his current county is before assessing his options.

"We are trying to ascertain what Kent's position is because ideally they'd like to

EXCLUSIVE

By GLENN PEARSON

keep him, but as yet there is nothing on the table for him," Fulton said. "Until that happens it's really difficult to weigh things up."

"Kent have been aware of the situation for quite a long time and it would be nice to have some sort of offer because at the moment they haven't come up with anything concrete."

"It's not an immediate panic because there is still a lot left in the season, but other counties will want to sort out their squads for next year and if they are offering Amjad good terms, and we have got nothing on the table from Kent, then that's not an easy situation. You like to know what you are playing with, and at the moment we don't."

Kent opted not to offer Khan a new contract at the end of last season and therefore ran the risk of losing him to another county. So far Sussex and Somerset have expressed their interest and Khan has

had discussions with the two counties, but re-signing for Kent, a club he has been at since 2001, is his likeliest destination – if a new deal can be agreed.

Fulton said: "We have had communications with those two counties because the 28-day notice they put in is up, so far as to say they are ongoing."

"When you speak to other counties you want to know what your own county are offering, Amjad in an ideal world would love to stay at Kent if everything was right."

"I understand the club's situation because they have a lot of stuff happening off the field with the ground redevelopment. If we can get everything sorted with Kent that would be priority number one, but if that's not to be, then Amjad's focus is on his family and his career moving forward."

Head coach Paul Farbrace has said he wants the player to remain at St Lawrence, but didn't want to comment further until holding another round of talks with Khan and Fulton.

Farbrace said: "Talks are ongoing and until we have had further talks we haven't got anything to add at this stage."

Picture: ADY KERRY



GOALS: Adebayo Akinfenwa scored 17 times for Northampton last season

Lions boss put Hess on track for new Gills striker Akinfenwa

A RECOMMENDATION from Millwall manager Kenny Jackett convinced Gillingham boss Andy Hessenthaler to make Adebayo Akinfenwa his big summer signing.

Recruiting a goalscorer has been top of the club's wish-list in the close season, particularly since the departure of Simeon Jackson to Norwich City last month.

The Gills have been linked with several players and made an approach to Aldershot for Marvin Morgan, but were priced out of a move.

Akinfenwa, whose 17 goals for Northampton last season was two more than Morgan managed in League Two, arrived on Thursday to sign a one-year deal. The 28-year-old had been on Hessenthaler's radar for some time, but only made an approach after getting a glowing report from Jackett.

He said: "He was a name that came up to us two or three weeks ago, but we weren't sure if

we could do a deal. There were a few other options, like Marvin Morgan, but with him we would've had to pay money for him plus wages, while we've been able to get Bayo in on a free. He's been training at Millwall and I spoke to Kenny Jackett, he's a really good friend of mine and I trust his opinion and he swears by him."

Akinfenwa almost signed for the Gills twice before, but arrives in the best form of his career after scoring 32 goals in two seasons with Northampton. After turning down a contract extension with the Cobblers he is keen for a new challenge, although his lack of match fitness means he is unlikely to be fully fit until after the start of the season.

He said: "I'm probably a couple of weeks behind where I would want to be. I've done some training, so I do feel alright, hopefully I can get back quickly and start kicking on and scoring goals. I'm raring to go."